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Who's Who and What's What

We are sorry to lose Rev. James C. Taylor who goes from Escatawpa to Bay Minette, Ala., among a fine people who have received him cordially.

It is said that more than 60 Japanese holding the rank of Lieutenant General or Major General have lost their lives in China in the past four years.

Rev. Eug. Burnette, formerly of Columbus, Miss., has accepted the position of associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Deacon S. C. Beatty of Calvary Church, Jackson, and one of its most useful members was operated on Monday at the Mayo's Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Rev. Ira Eavenson of Cleveland delivered the high school commencement sermon in Coldwater on last Sunday, April 27. Prof. R. P. Travis is the superintendent.

DeSoto County B. T. U. Rally at Hernando May 4, 2:30 P. M. On the program are Rev. E. C. Horton, Rev. Moses, Mrs. R. L. Westerman, Miss Keith, Mrs. Vernon Lee and Mrs. R. L. White.

The First Baptist Church of Cleveland will begin a series of revival services on May 4th, with Rev. D. A. McCall doing the preaching. The song service will be directed by Mr. W. E. Farr.

There were 75 additions to First Church, Greenville, 50 of them by baptism in a meeting in which Pastor Frederick E. Smith was assisted by Dr. L. R. Scarborough of the Southwestern Seminary.

Calvary, Tupelo: News from Rev. John Allen Moore, missionary from this church to Yugoslavia tells of his and his wife's safety in Budapest.—R.

Calvary, Tupelo: Rev. A. B. Pierce of Crystal Springs led our stewardship revival during the week of April 6.

We just completed a study course in Building A Standard Sunday School in which more than 20% of the resident members of the Oakland Baptist Church participated. Every officer and teacher enlisted for the study. In other wards every officer and teacher of the Sunday school took the work.—Cecil H. Ellard, Pastor.

Dr. A. E. Prince, pastor of West Monroe First Church in Louisiana has been elected president of Hannibal-Lagrange College in Hannibal, Mo. He has not as yet indicated his acceptance. Dr. Edgar Godbold thinks this is one of the best educational opportunities and Dr. Prince is certainly eminently qualified for the task.

Parkway Church in Jackson has plans completed for a \$53,000 auditorium. Pastor W. A. Bell says that \$20,000 of it will be in hand when the building starts. The rest will be financed with a ten year loan, but the prospect is that the debt will be paid off in four years. Monthly offerings are now being made to the building program which more than meet accruing obligations.

Every now and then somebody suggests that if every Baptist in Mississippi or every Baptist in the South would pay a few cents we could pay all our debts before breakfast. The reason that proposition won't work is that there are so many Baptists who do not take their state paper, and to these we could not get the request. They never hear about it. That's where and how we stall.

There were 35,000 people killed and 1,320,000 injured in traffic accidents in the United States last year.

On April 29, Dr. W. R. White was formally inaugurated as president of Hardin-Simmons University.

Students of Redlands College in California contribute \$1,800 a year to support a teacher in Judson College, Rangoon, Burma.

News from Russia is to the effect that in 1933 there were 5,000,000 members of the Militant Godless League. Now there are 2,000,000.

Dr. Charles L. White, long time Secretary of the Northern Baptist Home Mission Society, died recently in his home at Hampton Falls, N. H.

There are now 5,000,000 Jews in the Union of Socialistic and Soviet Republics, commonly known as Russia; more than in any other country in the world.

Quite a stunt! Dr. Bernard Clausen, pastor of First Church, Pittsburgh, conducted an Easter service while riding two miles high in an airplane. Better get your feet on the ground, brother.

Rev. Percy Ray, evangelist under appointment of the Home Mission Board is this week conducting an evangelistic meeting in a tent at Fulton. Dr. J. B. Lawrence, the Executive Secretary of the Board was with him on the opening day.

Pastor R. A. Morris at Newton will be glad to put churches in touch with young men in Clarke College who are prepared to do good work in revival meetings, pastorates, study courses, vacation Bible schools. Some of them are: J. F. Smith, Troy Prince, W. L. Warren, J. D. Allen, and Joseph Allman.

A brother writes to know about a church or churches which adopted the expedient of getting rid of useless or undesirable members by dissolving the organization and forming a new church and who pledge themselves to a consistent Christian life. We have no personal experience in such matters, but seem to remember that there have been such cases in Mississippi. May be that those who have tried it can give some light on the subject. It is our opinion, based on general principles that such a procedure can only be a second best method of purging the membership roll. It would indicate an undesirable spiritual state, and it would be evading a responsibility for discipline rather than exercising proper oversight. It seems to us it would leave unsettled the question as to the church connection of those who do not go into a new organization.

This is the list of the 13 churches which stood at the top in contributions to the Cooperative Program in 1940:

Rank	Co-op. Pro.	Church
1	\$4519.75	First, Jackson
2	4165.50	First, Meridian
3	3682.50	First, Vicksburg
4	3206.00	Greenwood
5	3089.00	First, Hattiesburg
6	2850.10	Leland
7	2772.18	Calvary, Jackson
8	2422.34	First, McComb
9	2283.40	Brookhaven
10	2249.58	First, Laurel
11	2088.58	Calvary, Tupelo
12	2004.48	Grenada
13	2003.21	First, Canton

Rev. Vance Webster will preach the sermon at the commencement of Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Sunday morning. Rev. Warren R. Cole will preach the missionary sermon in the evening.

The B. Y. P. U. of America celebrates its fiftieth anniversary at the meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention in May. For a while our young peoples organizations in the South co-operated with this national body.

In the three and a half months of the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Street at Durant there have been 54 additions to the church. Last Sunday money was all raised to pay off the obligations of the church building committee up to date, and to build a concrete walk from the church building to the street.

It was the editor's privilege to preach for the First Church, Brookhaven, Sunday evening, as Pastor S. H. Jones is helping in a meeting in Carrollton Avenue Church, New Orleans. There was a good congregation and they listened inspiringly. The church has recently closed a good meeting with 31 additions. They say that Dr. Haight, who helped in the meeting is a great preacher, and that Fred Scholfield of Laurel can't be beaten as a song leader.

From "The Weekly Bulletin" we learn that First Church, Brookhaven, closed last week one of the most satisfactory revivals the church has had in a long time. Dr. E. F. Haight preached with great power and effectiveness while Mr. Fred Scholfield was superb as leader of the music. The people attended in great numbers, and the services were most helpful to all. There were seventeen additions to the church on profession of faith and fourteen by letter.

Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden had the happy privilege on Easter Sunday of receiving the 1,000th new member to unite with the First Church, Washington, D. C., during his pastorate there of a little over four years. The church is just now closing the finest year in its history of 139 years, 350 new members having been received, and the treasurer reporting all bills paid and a surplus remaining. Although the auditorium seats 1,000 people, the church is now having two morning services regularly to accommodate the attendance.

Central Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference meets at First Church, Jackson, May 5 at 9:30 A. M. The program includes Devotional by B. E. Phillips; "Hardships In The Ministry" by B. L. McKee; "Rewards From The Ministry" by Owen Williams; "Salaries and Remunerations" by G. P. White; "My Own Call," by A. B. Pierce, L. W. Ferrell, R. A. Langley, Madison Flowers and others. "Different Kinds of Calls in the Bible," Robert Martin; "Begetting sons In the Ministry," by Webb Brame; Bible Study by J. H. Street.

Yesterday closed the fourth year of my pastorate here. They have been busy, happy years, 326 persons have asked for church membership; 118 have been baptized. The treasurer reported that receipts for the four years were \$25,000 plus. We have \$5,700 in our building fund. On recommendation of the deacons the church voted to pay my expenses to S. B. C., also a month's vacation with pay. We held our spring S. S. training school. Dr. O. R. Mosley, Prof. O. N. Darby, and the pastor taught different books, good attendance, with 51 awards given.—R. A. Morris, Newton.

Sparks and Splinters

Dr. W. T. B. Williams, vice-president of Tuskegee Institute, died in March at the age of 74.

One dollar out of every five spent in America, it is said, now goes to paying taxes. Going up!

It is said that Wake Forest College is the oldest distinctive Baptist college for men in the United States.

Mrs. T. W. McKee of New Bloomfield is the new president of the Missouri W. M. U., succeeding Mrs. McWilliams.

Rev. W. L. Ball assistant pastor of Clinton Church, is singing this week and next in a revival meeting in First Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., where Dr. M. E. Dodd is also assisting Pastor P. W. James.

The April number of the Baptist Builder was a very valuable contribution to the history of Southern Baptist work. It is our desire to use some of this material next week that all our people may know these facts.

Every church should elect one or more messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets May 14 in Birmingham. And every messenger should get an enrollment card from Secretary D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Evangelist Harry Beckman has been in six evangelistic meetings in Kansas City since Jan. 1. He is to be in a meeting in Forest, Miss., May 21-30, and will be available for another meeting in Mississippi as singer or preacher. His address is Owensboro, Ky.

One of our Christian boys in a military training camp says: "I look forward each week for the day for The Baptist Record to come. It has meant much to me in trying to live a Christian life here. Truly the environment is not the best place for one who hopes some day to be a minister. We need your prayers and help."

The Southern Baptist Convention Committee on "Coordination and Correlation" will meet in the First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Friday morning, May 16 at nine-thirty o'clock. Each member has invited two other persons to attend the sessions for conference and counsel. Any constructive suggestion, which any brother has for the committee, will be welcome.—M. E. Dodd.

Rev. Edward L. Byrd of Holly Springs was with Pastor B. Frank Smith in a meeting at the Jonestown Church, which closed April 20. Eight came on profession of faith, two being seniors in high school. A chapel service was held each morning at school in addition to two services daily at the church. Brother Byrd preached with force and conviction and made a lasting impression on the community with his vital messages and his consecrated personality.—B. F. S.

Greetings from Pearl River County. Brother Otis Perry came with us at Corinth, Sunday, April 13th. We had our first service at 6 o'clock Sunday morning. Interest grew with each service, until the closing service Sunday night of the 20th. There were 25 additions, 18 of them for baptism. The devil fought hard but evident victories were won. This was the third consecutive meeting for brother Perry, and the best one. He is doing splendid work. He has evangelistic talents, works hard and preaches the truth in faith. We Baptists are fortunate to have him as one of our evangelists.—O. P. Estes, Picayune.

The following paragraph is taken from The Religious Digest: "A committee of the Dayton, Ohio, Independent Merchants Association, found the per capita expenditure in liquor establishments in that city to be \$1.32 per week, compared with \$0.95 for groceries. It seems as though the children of the nation have had to sacrifice their milk for their parents' beer. The first year after repeal, the milk consumption in the United States dropped 37,000,000 quarts; the second year, 59,000,000 quarts; and the third year, 69,000,000 quarts. It is also worth noting that in 1934, the first year of repeal, there were 20,000,000 pounds less coffee sold in the United States than in 1933."—Watchman-Examiner.

Fifteen denominations with 100 churches in Knoxville, Tenn., will conduct a ten day revival campaign beginning May 4, with Dr. George W. Truett leading.

Rev. Walter B. Price gives up the half time church at Glen Allen to accept a call to Jones Bayou Church in Sunflower County. He continues his work at Walnut Church in Quitman County.

Five million dollars for Christian colleges in China is the objective of a campaign being conducted by the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges with headquarters at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Another organization, Ministers' Wives Fellowship, is now set in operation. It appears to be composed of those in the Northern Baptist Convention. They have a breakfast at Wichita, Kan., during the meeting of the Convention.

Dr. Frank M. Powell of the Church History Department of the Louisville Seminary will be with the Lyon Church in a revival from April 28 to May 7. An invitation to lead the music has been extended to brother Bill Nason of Kosciusko, but his answer has not been received.—B. F. Smith, Pastor.

The Rochester Federation of Churches makes the following report of a survey: "There are 11 establishments selling alcoholic beverages for every 5 churches; 1 for every 71 homes; 1 for every 300 people. The 1939 drink bill was 3 billion dollars, about \$24 per capita. For every dollar spent for liquor, 75 cents was spent for public education, 7 cents for toys, 4 cents for flowers, 17 cents for confectionary, and \$1.25 for dairy products."—Ex.

The Pastors' Conference, preceeding the Southern Baptist Convention, will hold program sessions in the First Methodist Church of Birmingham, beginning at ten o'clock Tuesday morning, May 13th, continuing through Wednesday morning the fourteenth. Among the speakers will be W. H. Knight, James W. Middleton, F. B. Thorn, Louie D. Newton, J. D. Grey, Ryland Knight, R. G. Lee, and others. Dr. George W. Truett has been invited to appear on the program Tuesday night. That great Christian layman, Mr. R. G. LeTourneau has accepted a place on the program for Wednesday morning, May 14.—M. E. Dodd.

That resolution in Congress to the effect that Congress cannot declare war without first having a referendum vote in which all citizens of the United States shall have a chance to express their opinion is like the telegraph operator in Africa who was told to do nothing without specific instructions. Soon afterward he wired to headquarters that a tiger was eating his assistant on the station platform, "Please telegraph instructions." It does seem that reason has forsaken a large part of the world, including a section of the United States Congress. This thing of playing to the galleries has about reached its limits.

The present world situation is more serious, appalling and even threatening to everything of supreme value in our civilization than has ever been the case in the memory of living man. Truth, honor, integrity, freedom and, except for our faith in Almighty God, Christianity itself are all seriously threatened. We all hate war and would keep our country out of it at all times. But when our homes, our liberty, our American way of life and even our religion cease to be worth fighting or even dying for, they are about ready to leave us forever. There is much, very much in our American life which we say we deplore, but which we know would never have been there if we had fought as we should have done. But we have been such nice, agreeable, tolerant fellows that we have seemed to be able to say "Good Lord or good devil" apparently with equal facility. The enemy of all good could not choose an attitude more favorable to his purposes than this. Let us make up our minds to favor "Peace at any price" and our door is sealed. The devil will then just step over and take possession of us and all ours. "Sure I must fight if I would reign" is just as true today nationally and individually as ever in the history of the world. We must keep our armour on and our swords in hand till our Captain pronounces our discharge.—J. C. Owen, in Baptist Reflector.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"Brother Diotrephe"

Every pastor sooner or later becomes very familiar from personal experience with "Brother Diotrephe." Lest some of you are not acquainted with him may I introduce him. The beloved Apostle John tells us about him in his third Epistle, verses 9 and 10 from which we quote: "I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephe, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church."

We find the modern counterpart of Diotrephe in some man or woman appearing here and there in our churches today. It has always been so. They feel that what they think the church ought to think and what they say the church ought to do. The pastor must do like they want him to do or it will be just too bad. In many of the churches such persons sometimes appear in a Sunday school class or the Missionary Society. They like to decide things. They resent interference. If the pastor makes a suggestion, some of them feel that he is trying to dictate. Some of them have some good points to them but in the end they are sources of disturbing confusion.

Through their activity usually they have some followers. Not infrequently they have many good points. Sometimes they have lots of zeal. We have known them who had too much zeal. Again they are strong for resisting progress. We have known more than one church who had a man in it who constantly kept his foot on the brake pedal and pressed it down to the floor in opposition to anything that would mean real progress.

On the whole those who yield to the temptation to play this role in the life of the churches in one of its organizations are a headache and heartache to many who would do the Lord's work.

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Pearl River County Baptist Sunday School Association met with First Church, Picayune April 27, in the afternoon. Theme, "Opening The Door to Better Sunday Schools." There were departmental conferences, and an inspirational address by Dr. L. E. Green of Poplarville.

Speaking before a symposium on national preparedness at the Massachusetts Hospital Association's mid-year meeting, Dr. Clifford T. Perkins, state commissioner of mental health, stated that mental ills due to alcoholism are steadily increasing toward their highest peak in history. He urged the appointment of a national committee of military, governmental and civilian leaders to investigate the problem. "At this time of national crisis," he is reported by the press as saying, "when we must be at our very best, both mentally and physically, this rapid rise in mental diseases directly attributable to alcoholism constitutes a very serious problem, to which we must give prompt attention."—The Voice.

I don't know why you published the article "Real Religion," from the Pike County Herald, in a recent issue of The Baptist Record, but I wonder if the writer of that article thinks that the other nine commandments were written to the Jews only. If they were the only ones to "Remember the Sabbath day to-keep it holy," then they must have been the only ones to refrain from killing and stealing and committing adultery. I can't believe that the writer in the Herald would want those commandments to cease to be laws. If one commandment applies only to the Jews then why should the rest apply to us? The wholesale desecration of the Sabbath, I consider one of the outstanding sins of our time and we are sure to be punished for it.—Mrs. A. M. Donnell.

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THE BIRMINGHAM CONVENTION

W. W. Hamilton, New Orleans, La.

Fifty years ago at the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Birmingham, our Sunday School Board was founded. What a period of Baptist history and growth this half-century has been, and with what a deep sense of gratitude do we count the blessings which have been bestowed upon us!

We review the years since 1891 and we rejoice in God's favor upon us, but we must not live in the past. Our eyes must be to the future as we assemble again in Birmingham. Our desire is that we shall not merely read history, but that we shall also write history. Fifty years from now our children will be reviewing the 1941 Convention, and will be judging us by our fruits.

1. **Let us plan to be in Birmingham May 14-18.** Located as it is in the very heart of a great Baptist constituency probably all attendance records will be surpassed. The auditorium will be taxed to capacity. At this session the new arrangement will go into effect which reserves the main floor for messengers at all day sessions. The Negro National Convention overflowed the auditorium last summer when a charge of thirty-five cents was paid for admission to the music program.

2. **Let us be in our places,** especially at the worship periods and at business sessions. These two phases of our program are just as spiritual as are the reports and the addresses, and are maybe even more important. The program committee has given most careful attention to these, and we must have divine guidance if we are to find and to do God's will. Far reaching decisions are before us. We need to ask sincerely for wisdom.

3. **Let us go to Birmingham to give of our best to the Master.** Every messenger, every officer, every speaker, every singer, every committeeman, every voter, every hearer, every prayer will help or hinder. The Convention will reach its highest possibilities if all who attend do so to give rather than to get. It will be more blessed to give than to receive. Our faithful attendance, our prayerful interest, our intelligent consideration, our loyal devotion to our Lord and to his work will keep us in the safe and onward and upward way.

4. **Let us have faith in God,** in his purposes and wisdom and power and love. God created all mankind and made them religious. Surely then the one religion which meets man's needs is found in the gift of Jesus Christ, God's Son and man's Saviour. We are witnesses of these things, and all power is promised to those who tarry, and Jesus says he will go with us at home and abroad. We have the true message. What do we more than others? We must be faithful to our trust, or we may expect to lose it. What will we do at Birmingham?

5. **Let us have the mind of Christ and be ready for any sacrifice.** We are meeting in a time which is critical and pivotal, and the things for which we stand are more to be desired than life. We must not be controlled by hate, but by love, love which will be faithful even unto death. If we believe that Southern Baptists have come to the kingdom for such a time as this, then let us prove it at Birmingham. Let us so pray and plan and purpose at the 1941 Convention that the sacrificial spirit shall be aroused, that gifts of self, of substance, of sons and daughters shall be gladly offered to our Saviour! Come to Birmingham! Come believing! Come giving! Come praying! Come expecting great things from God and attempting great things for God!

Rev. David Cranford has accepted the call of the church at Charleston and will begin his pastorate here June 1. He was graduated from Mississippi College three years ago and is now completing his work at the Louisville Seminary. He was pastor of churches in Mississippi before going to the Seminary. His father and brother are now pastors in the state. We welcome him back to his native land, and to the good church at Charleston where all the people read the Record.

THE PREACHER IN THE COMMUNITY

By T. M. Fleming, Meridian

In our conference we have already had discussed, The Preacher and His Personal Life, The Preacher in the Pulpit, The Preacher in His Field. This morning we are to talk about The Preacher in the Community.

By "Community" I take it that we mean the countryside, village, town or city in which the preacher is located and in which he serves some church or churches. It strikes me that the size of the preacher's community depends largely upon the size of the preacher. I cannot feel that Dr. George Truett's community is Dallas, Texas. Rather it seems to me that his community is the world. He is not a local preacher, but a world man.

However we do not insist upon this interpretation of our subject, but we will look at it from the standpoint of the average preacher or pastor. In order then to make my subject practical and I trust helpful we will consider the preacher in the immediate community in which he is located.

The Sphere of the Preacher's Ministry

There are some churches which, when they call a pastor, assume the attitude that he belongs exclusively to them. He is their servant and is to devote his entire time to his church. He belongs exclusively to the church and nobody else in the community has any rights to his time or service. Then, there are some preachers who take the same view of their ministry. They have their church, preach to their people, render service to them and that he has no obligations apart from these.

These views of the function of the minister in the community are most unfortunate both for the preacher and the church itself. It is regrettable that a church should have a limited understanding of the duty of its pastor or his life's work. I want to say with all the emphasis I can command that no church should assume the attitude that its pastor belongs exclusively to it, and that any preacher who is fully paid for the services he renders to the life of the community in which he is located is too small for the job. I hold that no preacher has or can be fully compensated in dollars and cents for his services if he be a true minister of Jesus Christ. It therefore follows that no church has the moral right to require for itself all of his time or service.

Every church in selecting a pastor should keep in mind all the needs of the community, as well as the needs of the church itself. If it does not have an abiding interest in the welfare of the community as a whole it is not worthy of a place in the community. Every preacher in accepting a call to become pastor of a church should feel that he is called to community service as well and his interest should be limited only by the bounds of the community.

Some Limitations To Keep In Mind

Now there are certain dangers that the preacher needs to keep in mind and avoid if possible:

There is the temptation to spread out too much, to cover too much territory and in so doing neglect to develop his own field, and the church to which he has been called. Some preachers need very much to guard against this danger.

Again, there is the danger that he become so much concerned for his own church and that of making a record for himself of great achievements, that he violate ministerial ethics, or fail to observe them as he ought. It becomes easy to forget the golden rule to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. In a city such as ours there comes to every preacher the temptation to build up his own church even at the expense of a neighbor church. A true minister of Christ ought to be too big and too fine to allow himself to stoop to such methods for the sake of making a record for himself. All of us have seen that sort of thing happen many times and it is doubtful if any one of us is altogether free from this fault.

Then, there is the danger that the preacher feels called to dictate the political policies of

his community. In my humble judgment it is a bad thing for the preacher to mix in politics or to manifest too much interest in political campaigns. Certainly he should exercise his privileges as a citizen, yes, his duty, to vote. But he invites serious trouble when he openly takes sides in any sort of political campaign. I feel sure that he would do well to let others look after political matters save for such moral influence he might and can wield upon them indirectly by proclaiming the ideals of the kingdom of God and applying them to all phases of human life and society.

Another danger the preacher should avoid is that of allowing his energies to be dissipated by all kinds of organizations, orders, clubs and movements launched in the community where he serves. I do not mean that he should hold himself apart from these things altogether. But I have through the years come to see how easy it is for a preacher to be sidetracked from the main business of his life.

A Preacher's Glorious Service

There is no man whose life can or should mean quite so much to the community as that of the preacher. Let him ever keep in mind that he has a duty to perform and a service to render to the entire community. If I had to confine my ministry to the members of my church only, as much as their needs are and as much as I like to minister to them, I would resign my pastorate. My conception of the work and function of the minister in the community is much larger than that. I want to, and have always tried to do something for the entire life of the community in which I preached. By living and serving that way a preacher finds himself to have a large place in the entire life of his community and all the people, irrespective of their denominational affiliations and people of no religious profession, come to feel that the preacher belongs to them all which in my judgment is the way they ought to feel toward him.

Dr. Norman W. Cox remarked in one of our meetings here not long ago that brother Blanding Vaughn, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church of Meridian, is the best loved man in Meridian. I believe that he was right. Why so? Not because of the service he has rendered to his own church for more than 23 years, although that has been a great service. But he is the best loved man in Meridian because throughout his long and faithful ministry he has served the entire city in a spirit of unselfish devotion to its every need and highest interest. He has worn out his life almost in serving Meridian and the surrounding country. He has visited the sick, buried the dead, encouraged the fallen and despondent to get up and try again, and has had a smile of cheer for everybody. No community can ever pay a man full value for such services rendered. If it could he would not want it. Brother Vaughn has received a modest salary throughout his ministry but he has rendered a large service. Someone said of Phillips Brooks that it was worth all that he was paid just to have him walk down the streets of the city where he ministered. He carried sunshine and good cheer wherever he went and people who saw him took a firmer grip on life and went on to win.

In it all, my brethren, let us ever keep in mind that we represent our Christ and wherever we go and whatever we do may people say of us as they did of the disciples of old, "They took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." Our supreme business is to make Him known to men and in deeds as well as words strive earnestly to promote His Kingdom. There is no higher calling; there is no more glorious task.

There are 45 deaf people members of First Church, Houston, 22 of them baptized in the past year.

Brother L. W. Fagan who went from Mississippi to Pell City, Ala., a year ago has welcomed 54 new members. Recently they began a \$20,000 church building with more than half the money in hand, and the rest assured by the time the building is completed.

EDITORIALS

NOT UNDER LAW

It would seem that after all the centuries since this phrase was penned, after all the Bibles which have been distributed, and after all the preaching on this subject, that there ought to be no confusion or misunderstanding as to the meaning and application of the words "Not under law." But we are constantly having them raised as a reason for not doing what God wants us to do, and what he has commanded us to do.

They are found in Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter six. They are repeated in verses fourteen and fifteen: "Sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under law, but under grace." What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law, but under grace? God forbid. It would seem that the connection in which they occur would make the meaning unmistakable. But many people do not bother to notice the connection.

The book of Romans is a masterpiece in reasoning. No better brief was ever drawn on any subject. It is a great intellectual, moral and spiritual tonic. But you can't understand a verse or phrase in it if it is lifted out of its connection. It is written to show the necessity of salvation and how men are saved from sin; how all men from being utterly and eternally lost because of sin may be completely and eternally saved. It tells us that this is the task of the gospel of Christ; that it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. It tells us that what law could not do, because of the weakness of the flesh, God could and did do by the means of the gospel of Christ "God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; that the requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit." It is to get men right with God and to enable them to do right in the sight of God. Ridgiteousness is the big word in Romans, as it is in all the Bible.

In the sixth chapter of Romans Paul is explicitly showing us that the gospel does enable men to live right. There is no effort nor intention in the gospel to help men to escape the obligation to live right. Quite the contrary; absolutely the contrary. It is the design of the gospel to help men to live righteous lives; to do what otherwise they could not do. There is no relaxing of the requirements to live right; no lowering of standards. It is putting something in man that will enable him to live according to the will of God. Any gospel which leaves this out is a different gospel from what Paul preached, and from what Jesus preached.

Paul is horrified that anybody should so misconstrue his gospel as to make it a license to sin. "How shall we who died to sin live any longer therein?" That would be a horrible misrepresentation of the gospel, and its entire purpose. Jesus did not relax one iota of the requirements of God's law. He rather completed it. And he died to set men free from its condemnation and rose again to free us from its control. If we are Christians, we too have died to sin and have risen with Christ to walk in newness of life.

Does someone say it is a great risk to set men free from the condemnation of sin and turn them loose in the world. It is unless they are at the same time set free from the control of sin and enabled to serve him in righteousness and holiness all our days. But that is what he does. "But now being made free from sin, ye have become servants of righteousness," Romans 6:18. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death, Romans 8:2.

Paul says again, Ro. 3:31, "Do we then make the law of none effect through sin? God forbid: nay we establish the law"; we prove that it is good and show it to be the unchangeable will of God. The gospel has never abrogated any moral precept, nor changed a moral obligation. It is just as iniquitous to steal today as it was when Moses gave the ten commandments to Israel. The

same as to murder, adultery and all the rest. Covetousness is just as great a sin today as ever it was.

We will not be sent to hell for it? No, but you may be chastened for it. And chastened you will be if you do not turn away from it. James says, "So speak ye and so do as those who are going to be judged by a law of liberty." The gospel frees us from condemnation and opens the way for freedom from control of sin. We ought therefore to be better men than anybody who was under the law. We are no longer under the law; but we have it in our hearts, graven on the inward parts. We are no longer slaves to be driven by the lash; we are children of the light. God expects it of us.

Now just one application of this teaching and principle: You hear men say we are not under law and therefore the tithe does not apply to us. You had as well say that any other moral precept, any other expression of the will of God does not apply to us. We are not under the law of the tithe nor any other law. We do not obey any commandment through fear of punishment; we obey because we love God and desire to do his will. His will is plain.

SAVED BY HIS LIFE

We who are known as evangelical Christians have long preached and ardently believed, and still do believe, that the death of Jesus Christ on the cross made atonement for our sins and reconciled us to God. We base our salvation, our assurance of everlasting life, our hope of heaven on the fact that Jesus died in our stead. We believe that he paid the penalty and fully satisfied the claims of justice against us. We believe that so far as the demands of the law affect us, that Jesus took them away, nailing them to the cross. From these truths, God helping us, we will never depart, and to this faith we cling with all the tenacity of our souls; as our only and our all sufficient hope. The recital of them stirs the soul of a Christian to its depths and calls forth unceasing praise to his name.

And yet this great truth is not all that is embraced in the gospel of Christ. The gospel not only includes the assured hope of everlasting life in the world to come, it furnishes us help for the life that now is. There are certain definite, assured benefits to every one who believes in the Christ of the cross, which we would surrender for no price whatsoever. But there are other truths in the Bible beside that of the death of Christ, and they are a part of the gospel of Christ.

Many of us are fond of referring to I Cor. 1:3-4 as a definition of the gospel, and it would seem to satisfy all the demands of such a definition. Here it is: "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried; and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the scriptures." You will notice of course that Paul makes his resurrection a part of the gospel. Christ's work for us did not end with the cross.

Now bear all this in mind while we turn to Romans 5:10. Here we read, "For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more being reconciled, shall we be saved by his life." One cannot escape noticing the contrast here between "death" and "life," the death of Christ, and the life of the risen Son of God. We were reconciled by his death; we are saved by his life.

It would certainly be confusing the words of Paul to say that he means we are saved by the sacrifice of his life. He is purposely distinguishing between what he does for us by his death and what he does for us by his life. Each has its purpose; each secures definite results. There is no question as to what he means by reconciliation through the death of Christ. There ought to be no misunderstanding about what is meant by being saved in his life. Certainly they can't mean the same thing.

The two prepositions are not the same: we are reconciled through, that is by the means of his death. We are saved in his life. The first is

something done for us. The second is the element or world, or sphere, or atmosphere in which we live, in which our life is spent and in which it is nourished and sustained. In him we live and move and have our being. He is the life of our life. Jesus said, "The branch can not bear fruit unless it abide in the vine."

But, some one says, the words are "We shall be saved by his life." And so we shall be. God gave us the assurance of salvation the moment we trusted in Christ. He gave us the beginnings of life, even eternal life. But there is much more to salvation than what was given us at the start. The little girl who when told that God made her, replied, "He made me about a foot long and I grew the rest," was at least partly right. Only we can say that "our life is hid with Christ in God." He who began a good work in us will carry it on unto the day of the Lord Jesus. We are still to grow up into him who is the head even Christ.

It is the living, risen, reigning, indwelling Christ who feeds our life and brings to maturity our salvation. When Christ who is our life shall be manifested, we also shall be manifested with him in glory. The riches of the glory of this mystery is Christ is you the hope of glory.

PICTURES OF JESUS COMING INTO THE WORLD

"The true light which lighteth every man was coming into the world," John 1:9. In these pictures of Jesus, taken from the Gospel of John, we have looked on the eternal Word as he was with God and was God before time and creation began. We have seen him as the creator of all things; and as he embodied life in himself; and as he was the author of intelligence, of the moral sense, of all knowledge. All of this he was before he came into the world as Jesus and lived as man among men.

John then presents him to us as he comes visibly into our world. When he says, "The true light which lighteth every man was coming into the world," he uses the imperfect tense, "Was coming," because John is like a herald who announces the coming as now ready and in process. Or he is like one who draws the curtain at the unveiling of a picture and calls our attention to it at the same time. He does not tell us as Matthew and Luke do of the infant Jesus. He ushers him in as the Eternal Word of God who comes in full maturity and manifestation of his divine-human personality.

No word of God's book is without exact significance. When John says he was coming into the world, he does not use the word which means to earth, for he did not simply touch the earth. He did not use the word which means the age, for he did not come to his age, that age only; but he came into the whole life of men, the world as an orderly system, the cosmos. There is no part of our lives, our world of which he is not a part.

John feels it necessary to explain about his coming. It was not that he had not been here hitherto. He was in the world and the world was made by him, but the world was wholly unaware of him, or his presence. He comes now in a different way from any way he had done before. He is a visible part of it in such a way that he must now be reckoned with. He cannot be overlooked. Men must decide what their attitude toward him will be.

He chose to come to a people who ought to have been prepared to recognize him, and who would be most apt to acknowledge him. He came to his own, who had been chosen of God as the recipients of his oracles and who should be first to recognize his claim, to be the apostles of his truth. John sadly acknowledges that they did not receive him. The majority of them rejected him, including their rulers and religious leaders.

But John says that those who did receive him at his coming were abundantly rewarded for their faith. He says, "As many as received him, to them gave he (this same Jesus) the right to become the sons of God." Their faith was abun-

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dantly justified and vindicated. It resulted in their being lifted by divine authority into the household of God. It was by the touch of a divine hand: they "were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man—but of God." John is speaking as one who knows, they became partakers of the divine nature; thus confirming his claim to divine origin and nature.

John says, we beheld his glory, glory as of the picture of Jesus as he was coming into the world. He says, "The word became flesh and dwelt among us. It was not a mere appearance as if he were a man. That had happened before in his appearances to patriarchs and prophets. This was no seeming, no vision, no momentary apparition. He actually became flesh, he assumed the entire nature of man. He identified himself as one of the human race. And he "dwelt among us"; he pitched his tent along by the side of other men's tents; he lived the ordinary life of an ordinary man, in all respects such as we are, except for the taint of sin. There was nothing essential to human nature which he did not have. And he stayed long enough, a whole generation, that men might identify him without doubt or difficulty.

John says, we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father. The more John saw of him, and the more the significance of him unfolded to John in after years, the more he was impressed that he was not an ordinary man, but had the glory of the Father. John recalls the witness of John the Baptist which had been confirmed by his own knowledge of Jesus. The special way in which Jesus is said to have revealed his glory as the only begotten from the Father is that he was "full of grace and truth."

That phrase is worthy of the closest examination and John dwells on it and explains it by contrasting law and grace and truth, in contrasting the mission of Moses and the mission of Jesus. There is no effort to minimize the work of Moses, but to show the greater work of Jesus. Notice he says that the law "was given through Moses." But he does not say that grace and truth were given through Jesus Christ. What he does say is that grace and truth came into being through Jesus Christ. Moses was only the medium through which law as the will of God found its way to men in definite form. Law had already existed; it was formulated and systematized by Moses as God spoke to him and through him. Not so in the case of Jesus. Grace and truth were not simply made known to men through the lips of Jesus. They had their origin in him. Without him there would never have been any grace and there would be no such thing as truth. They have their source in him. He is not merely their channel; he is their fountain and source. Where he is these always are.

Notice that grace and truth are inseparable. They go together. You can't have grace without the vehicle of truth, and you can't have truth except through grace. Truth is the revelation of God, the unveiling, the making known of God to men. Grace springs from the eternal word, it is accompanied by truth. It is of grace that the knowledge of God is given us.

That this is the way grace and truth come, and that Jesus is the source of them both is shown in the verse that follows, the eighteenth, in which John says, "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son is in the bosom of the Father (see verse one), he hath declared him." The word "declared" here is the word we have borrowed from the Greek, the word "exegete," which means literally to act out in such a manner as will make it possible for us fully to understand. The life of Jesus on earth was an exegesis of God. He that hath seen me hath seen the Father. A picture of Jesus is a portrait, a portrayal of God.

Dr. J. D. Franks of Columbus preached last Sunday the commencement sermon for the high school at Ripley, Miss., where he began his pastoral work some years ago. In his absence, Mr. Frank E. Skilton presented the Now Club at Columbus.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b ("Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe.")

CALVARY, TUPELO

While Pastor S. B. Cooper was in a meeting at West End Church, Columbus, we had the privilege of preaching at Calvary Church in Tupelo. There were two good congregations and we never preached to better listeners.

It was also our good fortune to preach the sermon the first Sunday after the beautiful new pews had been installed. Very few were empty. The new pews complete the equipment of Calvary Church and everything is paid for.

The membership of the church is now 672 and there is a "Book of Remembrance" containing 119 names of people who have agreed to tithe.

We learned that gifts to the Cooperative Program are growing month by month with new members enlisting in the Now Club and in the Hundred Thousand Club.

We also had the privilege of speaking on "Teacher Training" on Sunday afternoon to the Lee County Sunday School Association. Layman C. L. Bucy of Plantersville is chairman which insures a well planned work and program.

Lee County now has subscribers as follows: Auburn 1, BISSELL 42, Brewer 11, PLANTERSVILLE 62, Richmond 1, Shannon 8, Sherman 71, SALTILLO 46, Tupelo, First 11, TUPELO CALVARY 207, Tupelo, Second 2, Route 3, Tupelo 1, VERONA 42, Nettleton 4, CENTER HILL 15.

RESULTS COUNT

"After getting the Record on the Every Family Plan Pine Grove Church, Jasper County, made the largest mission offering it has made in a long time.

E. I. Farr, Pastor."

Somehow EF churches just do things.

SOMEBODY SHOULD BE ASHAMED

"Dear brother Goodrich:

Thanks for your letter of the nineteenth and the information regarding the Baptist pastors in Mississippi who are taking the Record.

You will be interested in knowing that the survey, which I made in this field, indicates that 60% of our pastors are receiving the state papers. The percentage in raised substantially, by the fact, that in several states, the paper is being sent complimentary to all pastors. My guess is that, on a paid subscription basis, the percentage would drop well below 50%.

Cordially,

Lawson H. Cooke,

General Secretary."

No pastor—(no not one) can keep up with his denomination without his state paper. But those in Mississippi who are not getting the Record won't see this challenging letter by brother Cooke.

THE RECORD ADDS OTHERS

Among churches recently adopting the EVERY FAMILY plan are Calvary, Tupelo, S. B. Cooper, pastor; Burnsville, T. R. Hammons.... Ashland, O. C. Hicks; Bissell, F. V. McFatridge; Iuka, R. E. Pate; Hamilton, Benton County, O. C. Hicks; Durant (1/2), J. H. Street; Pine Grove, Jasper, E. I. Farr; Toomsaba, Lauderdale, L. T. Dyess; Gatesville, Copiah.

HERE'S MORE PROOF OF THE

Pastor C. J. Olander reports large congregations at Tchula Sunday in spite of the influenza, and at Morgan City the month of January was the best in five years.

Why otherwise. Both churches have the EVERY FAMILY plan.

There are said to be 200 white Baptist churches in Mississippi that reported no conversions in the past associational year.

And so far as we know not one of the above mentioned churches is an EVERY FAMILY church.

Pastor R. A. Morris of Newton reports the addition of another unit of their B. T. U.

EVERY FAMILY churches do grow.

The First Baptist Church, Meridian, during the past associational year has been richly blessed. There have been 208 additions, of which 132 were for baptism. Total gifts exceed \$32,000.00. The entire church structure has been thoroughly repaired and redecored.

Such is to be expected of EF churches.

Riverside Church at Money rejoices that the budget system is producing good results. The first month the receipts were \$20.00 beyond the allotment. Thirty-five out of 67 members pledged and others will. There are thirteen tithers. The total budget calls for \$1,304.00, of which \$120 goes to the cooperative program, and whatever is over and above. The Ministers' Retirement plan is included and the Baptist Record for every family. Pastor A. T. Engell believes that gifts will go three or four hundred dollars over the budget. God blesses the plan and the people.

Just another good report from an EVERY FAMILY church.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SOLDIER BOYS

The Baptist Record will help keep the boys in camp tied on the church. Each church should send the Record to any member who is in a training camp. Send us \$1.00 for eight months or add their name to your EVERY FAMILY list.

The saga of a debt will be told over WMC, Memphis, May 4, at 4:00 p. m., when the Mississippi Baptist Now Club goes on the air to tell how 270,000 Mississippi Baptists are ridding themselves of a half-million dollar debt. Brief addresses will be made by Frank E. Skilton, Blue Mountain, general chairman of the Now Club, and Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, state president of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union by members of the Blue Mountain College course.

Monticello: The old auditorium is being torn down to be replaced by a handsome new brick auditorium. For the present services will be held in the recently completed three story annex. The annex is paid for as are the brick for the auditorium. And there is in the bank \$800 toward the auditorium. Much more has been pledged and many who did not pledge will pay. On May 4th we celebrated Young People's Day. The Mississippi College co-ed quartet will sing and Monticello's own Roe Wilson preach.—Reporter.

Rev. Walter H. McKenzie, pastor University Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, writes highly commending Lake R. Pylant who has been for five years educational and student director in his church, and who now desires to locate in Mississippi. He says he is a sincere, true, devout Christian gentleman, an alumnus of Mississippi State College and of the Southwestern Seminary. He is a good preacher and good singer. His wife is a true helpmeet. She is a graduate of Howard College and of the Ft. Worth Training School, and an exceedingly popular young people's leader.

"The disciples preached Jesus. Is it Christlike to call people Holy Rollers who believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that his blood cleanseth from all sin? They don't make debts, neither do their preachers take what should be for the gospel in salaries. A. N. McClure, a Baptist for 60 years." In reply to this the editor would say that he doesn't know where the name "Holy Rollers" originated. It is understood by everybody. We understand that the people call themselves "The Church of God," which like "Christian" does not distinguish any special group. The things which brother McClure says they believe are the same things which Baptists and many others believe. Only when a man does not accept financial support when he preaches the gospel, he is going contrary to the scriptures and the practice of Paul.

SHALL YOU LIVE ON AFTER DEATH?

A. A. Kitchings

All believers in Christ will answer "Yes" to that question but wait a moment! This question is asked with a different implication, from the generally accepted one. Shall you continue to serve and bless the society and institutions which you at present are serving and blessing so wonderfully well? That is the question. You may do so in two ways. You may so enshrine yourself by a noble life and high ideals in the hearts and lives of those who live after you that it can be said of others, "Truly, he or she lives on though dead." That kind of bestowed posterity is certainly worthy of our earnest aspiration.

This can be done and the other not left undone. You may, by a life of unselfish service and devotion to correct ideals, enshrine yourself in human hearts, and at the same time leave to posterity some monuments of stone.

The people of Mississippi, by a constitutional amendment, have made it possible to bequeath property by wills to religious institutions so that any person who wants his property to serve in his stead after his death, has now the full right to will a certain part of his property to any church or church institution.

Right here a great opportunity is opened to you to live on and bless society having people rise up to call you blessed, because you have become a benefactor to others.

How fine it would be to build a dormitory at the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson, have it named in your honor, thus making it possible for twenty or thirty more children to share the blessings of that institution!

How fine it would be to do as Dr. May of Port Gibson did in establishing some scholarships at Mississippi College, making it possible for more worthy men to enter Mississippi College!

Or your bequest might take some other route, but prove a great blessing after you are gone.

Yes, you may live on in this realm of human activity after your soul has found its destination.

TOTE FAIR, YOUNG MAN!

Chas. B. Hamlet, III

Every Baptist minister in Mississippi should certainly be interested in the Ministers Retirement Plan. "Every Baptist minister in Mississippi" includes a host of young ministers, many of whom are in their first year of pastoral work and most of whom have not completed ten years of pastoral work. These young men are full of zeal, enthusiasm, energy, and hope, as well they should be as Gospel ministers. Thus "retirement" or anything connected with "retirement is something far off in the future." Yet it is something with which they must come to grips now, that they might always look to the future with "peace of mind" and assurance.

There are several reasons why I believe that our host of young ministers should enter the plan immediately.

1. The young ministers of Mississippi are in a most favorable position to make the Baptist churches of our great state conscious of the plan, its mission, and its work. There is far less likelihood of a young pastor being misunderstood in his motive in urging his church to enter the plan than that of an older minister. Many of our older pastors hesitate to present the matter to their churches because of the fear that it will be suggestive of "retirement," or that it will make their churches conscious that they are approaching "retirement age." How contagious it would be, if some four hundred young ministers would lead their churches into this great plan! What a wonderful service they would render to their older brethren and the cause!

2. By entering the plan as a young man and participating in it over a number of years, a member could build up a reserve fund of a sufficient amount so that when it became necessary for him to retire his annuity would not have to draw too heavily upon the State Convention reserve fund which is made up of contributions made by the Convention and the churches. One

enjoys having the feeling that because of careful planning in his youth he has not become a burden in his old age. The sense of "independence" with which one can approach his old age is worth the sacrifice that it might take in one's youth. As young men we have the opportunity by entering this plan in our youth of solving the problem of dependency of disabled and aged ministers among Mississippi Baptists. Dare we pass up this opportunity in our youth and then call for relief in our old age?

3. The Ministers Retirement Plan is part of the denominational program of both our State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Surely as young ministers we shall be faithful to our denomination in its whole program.

4. The Ministers Retirement Plan is not intended to take the place of one's life insurance program, but it does form a fine basis for the beginning of one's program of systematic saving. The young man may well consider the plan as a sound investment as part of his saving program.

Allow me to add without any sense of boasting, but merely as proof of my faith as a young minister in the plan, that I have been a member of the plan from its beginning and every church that I ever pastored, including even afternoon churches, have entered the plan.

WILLINGLY IN THE DAY OF HIS POWER

By W. O. Carver

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

The one hundred and tenth Psalm is one of the outstanding Psalms of the Saviour of men. The Psalmist says to Jehovah: "Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day of Thy Power. . . . Thy youth are unto Thee as the dew of the morning." The series of Mission Conferences held in the Southern Baptist Seminary in March was opened by Secretary Maddry in one of his most comprehensive and appealing addresses on "Opportunities for World Missions Today." He swung the telescope of inspired vision around the map of the world and pointed out the call of the conditions to bearers of the glad tidings of God's redeeming Gospel. He fully recognized the serious difficulties of present conflict and chaos for those who proclaim the glad tidings of joy; but his faith laid hold on the assurance of Jesus Christ. It was a magnificent introduction to a series of conferences opened, without exception, by addresses that provoked incisive questions and eager discussions.

My missions classes in both Seminary and Training School had been dismissed for the week in the interest of these Conferences. All students were required to devote at least six hours to attendance on the Conferences and to formulating reports and reactions. The interest which they manifested was very gratifying, and the care with which they recorded outlines of addresses, questions which were raised, and the handling of these questions. At least nine tenths of the students devoted more space to Dr. Maddry's address than to any other. This was an index both of the grip of his address and of their personal interest in considering opportunities for investment of their lives in carrying the universal Gospel to all the open places where men sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; to all places where men await leadership into new orders of life and hope.

Another strong indication that our young people are ready for service "unto the ends of the earth" is the fact that between forty and fifty of these young men and women sought personal interviews with Secretaries Maddry and Sadler. They believe that in a time of crisis there is a call to courageous investment of life. They too do not believe that wars and rumors of wars are reasons for forgetting to witness to the Christ in every nation. Let all believing Christians reflect that "the day of the Lord" means both judgment and salvation. Just now we can all see the judgment. Those, the eyes of whose hearts are enlightened, see also the salvation of the Lord. To these the word of God is—

"Behold, now is the acceptable time;
Behold, now is the day of salvation."

MOTHER

This white rose, sweet and fresh with morning dew,
I wear upon my bosom in memory of you,
Who went to God so many years gone by,
Yet, live again in deeds that cannot die;
Each petal's nectared fragrance seems to bear,
A symbol of your virtues, pure and rare;
I link them with your personality,
And bring you back today, your face to see.

No treasures that this earthly realm may hold,
No bonds, no real estate, nor all fine gold,
Could e'er compare with this rich heritage,
You left your children, nine upon life's stage;
This gift, I cherish more than all on earth,
A sacred, living thing, of sterling worth;
And however far my feet may stray from right,
Down through the years I'll sense your guiding light!

So, to you and all the sainted mothers, dead,
And all of those, who live, I bow my head,
In reverent orison of praise for all you've done,
In deeds as radiant as the morning sun!
In this present world of chaos, strife and woe,
Made so by selfish greed, 'tis good to know,
Your Christian faith in God's Eternal Plan,
Will help redeem the Brotherhood of Man!

—By Callie M. Walker.

THAT DEBT

By A Layman

The lesson in our Brotherhood Quarterly for Jan. 12, written by Dr. J. E. Dillard, interested me greatly as it gave figures that I did not have before. He says that the Hundred Thousand Club has paid \$1,250,000 on the Southern Baptist Convention debt and that the annual interest on that amount would pay the salaries of 80 foreign missionaries.

In that case it would appear that the interest alone on the \$2,750,000 still unpaid, would pay the salaries of 175 missionaries and I presume it would pay the salaries of far more than that number of home missionaries. Thousands of people are dying unsaved that could be reached if we were not throwing that money away. The stark madness and tragedy and folly of it are very great, for it is not necessary at all. I do not see how we can justify ourselves before God for using His money so.

Dr. Dillard says rightly that "Southern Baptist can do anything they ought to do if they want to do it and will work together."

Suppose we stop looking at the aggregate of this terrible debt and begin to look at it as somewhere from 50 to 60 cents per member, for that is all it is. It does not look so terrifying that way. There are very few Southern Baptist churches that can not raise 60 cents per member, in a month and if they will (and I believe they will if it is put to them by the leaders in the denominations) we could be a debtless denomination and not wait until 1945 to stop wasting God's money.

Let's pay it now. I believe now is the accepted time and if we do not pay it now another financial panic will come before 1945 and we will fail to get it paid then. God says, "Owe no man anything but to love one another," and He means what He says. I do not see how the debt could have been avoided in the first place but to pay it now is not an impossible thing at all nor anything we are unable to do. I think God expects it of us.

Mr. Carroll Izzard, a student in Mississippi College was on Monday of last week examined by a council at Clinton to determine his fitness for ordination to the ministry. This council consisted of Rev. W. S. Landrum, Prof. J. R. Hitt, Dr. M. O. Patterson and the editor of the Record. They unanimously recommended his ordination, and this took place on Wednesday evening, Dr. Patterson preaching the sermon. Brother Izzard comes of a well known family in Copiah County.

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"Go" Lk. 9:10.

"Give" Mt. 5:42; "Give" Mt. 10:8; "Give" Mt. 19:21; "Give" Lk. 6:38; "Give" II Cor. 9:7.

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The Calendar of Activities for May follows:

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1. Southern Baptist Convention at Birmingham—May 14-16.						
2. District W. M. U. Meetings—May 20-30.						
3. Orphanage Day—Mother's Day.						
4. Hospital Day—Mother's Day.						
5. Cooperative Program.						
6. Now Club (Five Thousand Club).						
7. Tithes and offerings each week according to Scriptures.						
8. Association-wide evangelistic meetings.						

II

Another great week was experienced in simultaneous association revival meetings in Jackson County. Pastors Brock, Day, Davis, Windham, Faggard, Sullivan and the others gave splendid cooperation.

One attendance check-up showed well over one thousand people in the services the night before. Most of the churches are small in membership. In addition though there were day services.

Each minister was in the night service at the same church for the week.

For those interested, the program follows:

COUNTY-WIDE REVIVAL

April 13-20

Services in all Baptist Churches

At 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Guest Preachers are as follows:

Pascagoula	D. A. McCall
East Moss Point	M. S. Varnado
Escatawpa	Gaston Mooney
Spencer Memorial	J. W. Weeks
Escatawpa Mission	C. C. Martin
Wade	L. E. Green
Red Creek Union	B. Simmons
Ocean Springs	D. T. Bishop
Moss Point	G. C. Hodge
Fort Bayou	I. N. Lee
Kreole	Gene Patterson
Fontainebleau	Rev. Rhodes
Bethel Hill	Rev. Vaughan

Joint Services at 10:00 A. M. Daily as Follows:

D. A. McCall, in charge

Moss Point, Monday, Rev. Bishop, preaching.
Ocean Springs, Tuesday, Rev. McCall, preaching.
Pascagoula, Wednesday, Rev. Hodge, preaching.
East Moss Point, Thursday, Rev. Simmons, preaching.

Escatawpa, Friday, Rev. Varnado, preaching.

III

It was the happy privilege of the Writer to be in the First Baptist Church, Pascagoula, the week of the Jackson County Revival. Pastor W. L. Day is doing a remarkable work. Mrs. Day helps largely in the work.

The church is active, well organized evangelistic, supports one mission, has plans for another and is completing a fine church building.

Some fifteen additions to the church. Doxology! Twenty lost in one service asked for prayer. Men, women and young people—a praying people.

IV

Enjoyed meeting with some of the ladies of Harrison County W. M. U. and speaking briefly

on "Evangelism." While at the meeting we went over the Biloxi house of worship. It is a great plant. Pastor and Mrs. Hodge are leading the folks in excellent manner—a most constructive work is being done.

V

Mississippians formed about 40% of the congregation packing the house of worship, First Baptist Church, New Orleans. We had the privilege of speaking three times during the day, starting over WSMB, Brother T. H. Hedgepeth, leading.

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor, was in Chattanooga in revival. The people love him. The church is making marvelous progress. A great group of laymen are in this church. Dr. Grey is one of our best ministers.

VI

"A BIBLE REVIVAL makes God's people rejoice in the Lord. Reclaims the indifferent and careless ones.

Separates the Christian from only professing ones.

Creates a deeper interest in the unsaved.

Loosens the purse strings for God's cause.

Creates a real church conscience that makes for faithfulness to ones church.

Makes men regard as sacred the Lord's Day.

Inspires a deeper interest in the Bible.

Makes one love to spend more time in prayer.

Leads to a real consecrated life.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE SUCH A REVIVAL? PRAY FOR IT!"

VII

In personal experience and from observing others we have seen again and again how easy it is to overrate the weight of things. It is easy to overrate successes. They may be done tomorrow.

It is easy to overrate some so-called friendships. Human nature is a fickle thing.

On the other hand it is easy to overrate disturbances. You hear a wild prediction in a speech; see a lot of senselessness on exhibition and all seems lost. Yet, hardly a tremor has been felt in Zion proper. Some fellow thinks surely he is sweeping all before himself. Comparatively few people on the earth know him to be alive. None will know he lived 50 years after his death.

One life to live — make it count for Christ! There will be fewer regrets.

Read Psalm 2. "Let the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing." God is still on His throne. He remembers you!

VIII

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

A Summary of American Civic Faith

By William Tyler Page

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon these principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

BR

Nine counties were represented at the Northwest Mississippi Pastors' Conference which met April 15 at Sardis with Pastor J. B. Middleton as host. Most of the time was devoted to reports from the pastors attending and to the study of the Book of Acts, chapters 7, 8 and 9, led by brethren M. C. Whitten of Hernando, E. C. Horton of Eudora and W. R. Medling of Lamar. Deacon Bryant Young of Sardis presented the work of the Mississippi Baptist Now Club and Rev. N. S. Jackson of the Anti-Saloon League appealed for cooperation in securing more wholesome conditions around our various army camps. The meeting was greatly enjoyed and the next conference will be held May 6 at Batesville with Dr. J. W. Lee as host.

THE GARGANTUAN GANG

By Gordon Hurlbutt, Th.D.

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Amazing to every well-informed mind is the persistent, widespread reference to the present conflict as the "Eurogean" war. This implicit denial of the real reach of the struggle is chargeable largely to the insidious work of isolationists, not one of whom, in the light of the present racing events, is both honest and intelligent. Of course the Hitlerites of all feathers, including many holding American citizenship, stress in every possible way the false designation.

What we are witnessing today is nothing less than the final phase of the Cosmic Conflict between the forces of civilization and destruction—nothing else than, on one side, the ruthless rush of a mob of millions of hoodlums upon the shrines of Human Freedom—nothing else than the gathering of Time's most gigantic gang. Not only a Germany of eighty millions, with the most powerful land force of all time, and with at least eighty million slaves in other lands to feed their war machine, but also Italy, Japan, and Russia, all four are bent on annihilating the supreme values without which, for most of the English-speaking peoples at least, life on this planet would be a living death. The part played by Germany, Italy, and Japan is generally known: Communistic Russia, whose secret agents are working or have worked in every land, is equally determined to bring the whole world under her gangster flag. Of major powers other than those four, there are only two. Britain blasted, there would be only one, our own—one lone civil power able to stand for even a few weeks against four empires with a total of military and naval might at least twice as great as, even in potentiality, as our own!

Hitler, triumphant over Britain, would lead the whole gang. Italy already is his slave. Russia would quickly join hands with him on his terms. Japan would eagerly serve his vast scheme for what he could easily give, a huge share in the spoils. Europe, Africa, and Asia under his feet, South America would fall, partly before a bribe of a few billions in trade, partly under threats enforced by a navy and air force the mightiest on earth when augmented by most of the fleets of Britain and France, a navy composed of ships, including many hundreds of submarines, of half a dozen nations at least. Yes, Hitler, deified monster, blood-maddened megalomaniac, would stop at nothing for domination of the whole world.

They to whom the picture above is an alarmist's nightmare know neither history nor Hitler's mind. Nor do they know that such a course as the one upon which Hitler set forth in 1939 can come to one of only two ends—one, the end of Hitler and his fellow gangsters; the other, the end of freedom for all mankind. Hitler knows that: no man knows it better than he. Such power as his can survive only by continuous conquest, by frequent feeding of his dupes. Grasping aggression and ruthless spoliation, with every tool of devilish ingenuity, these cannot cease till there is no more to gain. Such is the price that Hitler must pay to his supporters for keeping him in power against his victims' hate. He cannot stop; he cannot pause; he cannot make peace; he can only destroy—till he himself is destroyed.

In this terrible crisis for civilization, Christians ought to pray; but let the praying be done while working and fighting. The best place for praying against gangsters is at the trigger end of a gun. We must depend on God, but we cannot shift our own responsibility to Him. Every Christian agency in this land ought to leave nothing undone, in this crucial hour, to awaken all Americans to the frightful facts, and to support in every way those who fight on the firingline of Freedom. The time has passed when fancies and foibles were less than crimes. Fast gathering against us in the Gargantuan Gang!

Point Clear, Alabama.

—BR—

Rev. Howard Benson has been called to Terry Church and will begin his work with this good church May 1. He succeeds Rev. Carey Cox who went to Prattville, Alabama.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday morning, May 11th, the majority of us will go out into a flower garden and pluck a flower to wear in honor of our mother. If she is still with us we will find a red flower, otherwise a white one.

Some one has said:

"God sought to give the sweetest thing
In His almighty power
To earth; and deeply pondering
What it should be, one hour
In fondest joy and love of heart
Outweighing every other,
He moved the gates of heaven apart
And gave to earth a Mother."

In gratitude for the blessed mother God gave you on Mother's Day when you pin your flower on your wearing apparel, get a special Mother's Day offering and take to church to give to our Baptist Orphanage in Jackson. These children are deprived of the care and attention from their own mothers, let us do this for them that day in gratitude for ours.

A Welcome Awaits You in Birmingham

Hundreds of Baptist women soon will be coming to Birmingham for the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union. We extend to you a hearty invitation and you will find a cordial welcome awaiting you.

The first session will open on Monday night, May 12th, and the last session will close by 1 o'clock on Wednesday, the 14th. The Southern Baptist Convention will assemble at 2:00 P.M. of the same day in the same auditorium. All sessions will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, which is near the heart of the city and is easily accessible to all hotels, buses and street cars. The Auditorium has a seating capacity of 6,000 and the messengers will find it quite adequate. The exhibits and book display will be close by.

You will find many things of interest in and about Birmingham. Our city is widely known for its large and interesting industrial plants. You will also be interested in our churches, schools and beautiful residential districts. Of peculiar interest to all of you will be the southwide Woman's Missionary Union headquarters which are located in the Comer Building in the heart of Birmingham. The missionary influence of this great Baptist agency permeates the life of our city and extends around the world. Miss Mallory and her staff of faithful and efficient workers will find much pleasure in having you visit these offices.

We anticipate a large attendance at this annual meeting and feel that the coming of the W. M. U. leaders of the south to our city will bring to us rich spiritual blessings. It is with much pleasure that we look forward to having you as our guests and it is our desire and prayer that everyone who may come will be greatly enriched by the fellowship of the occasion.—Mrs. A. Hamilton Reid, Supt. Birginham W. M. U. Association, Member W. M. U. Publicity Committee.

Camps For Young People

Fostered by Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Junior Girls' Auxiliary—

Dist. 1—July 17-19—Castalian Springs, Durant.
Dist. 2—June 12-14—Castalian Springs, Durant.
Dist. 3—June 16-18—University of Miss., Oxford.
Dist. 4—June 26-28—Tombigbee Park, Tupelo.
Dist. 5—June 23-25—Choctaw Lake (Unit Camp), Ackerman.
Dist. 6—June 5-7—Decatur Jr. College, Decatur.

Dist. 7—June 9-11—Forrest County A. H. S., Brooklyn.

Dist. 8—June 19-21—Junior College, Summit.

Junior Royal Ambassador:

Dists. 1 and 2—June 9-11—Castalian Springs, Durant.

Dist. 3—June 16-18—University of Miss., Oxford.

Dist. 4—June 23-25—Tombigbee Park, Tupelo.

Dist. 5—June 26-28—Choctaw Lake (Unit Camp), Ackerman.

Dist. 6—June 30-July 2—Clarkco, Quitman.

Dist. 7—June 12-14—Forrest County A. H. S., Brooklyn.

Dist. 8—June 19-21—Junior College, Summit.

Cost of all the above camp is \$2.50 each.

State Royal Ambassador Camp (Boys 12-16)

June 3-7—Castalian Springs, Durant.

Cost—\$5.50.

State Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary House Party

July 23-26—Castalian Springs, Durant.

Cost—\$4.50.

State Y. W. A. Camp

July 28—Aug. 1—Castalian Springs, Durant.

Cost—\$5.50.

Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp—June 24-July 4

We are planning to "go in style". We are to have a special car on the train! However, the trip will not cost more than heretofore.

Who Can Go? All Y. W. A.'s! How about High School graduates (this is a fine gift); girls who work and are planning vacations; Y. W. A. Counselors; girls who travel on passes should be encouraged to plan this trip.

Why Go? For fine fellowship with a thousand other young women from over the south. For what the information and inspiration will mean to you. For what you may mean to others because of your enlarged vision. For a Genuine good time!

How Go? The group will leave Jackson Sunday night, June 22nd on the 11:35 p.m. train via Birmingham, Chattanooga, Asheville, etc. Of course we can pick girls up anywhere along the way from Jackson to Meridian but all tickets will be "billed" at Jackson (This is necessary in order to get the special rate). Just let me know definitely where you expect to "board" the train. We will arrive in Chattanooga Monday before lunch and will spend the afternoon and night sightseeing there (spending the night at the hotel) and will leave Tuesday a.m. at 6:10, arriving at Ridgecrest at 3:13 p.m. The return trip will be made Friday, July 4th arriving in Jackson at 5:30 a.m. Saturday.

How Much To Go? The Minimum Cost of the trip is \$35.00 and of course the Maximum is, whatever a girl "makes it."

There will be extra sight-seeing trips planned for those who care to go, souvenirs, books, etc. However, these are just "extras". This minimum amount includes, transportation, room and board at Ridgecrest, hotel enroute.

Let's begin now planning to go!

RESERVATION (this is necessary in order to get our rates on the train).

Send to me "NOT LATER" than JUNE 15th \$2.00 which will be your registration fee and will insure you a place with the Mississippi delegation at Ridgecrest.

Yours for 50 Y.W.A.'s from Mississippi going to Ridgecrest. Will one of your girls be one?

For further information write Edwina Robinson, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Our Training School

It is a joy to all members of Woman's Missionary Union to know that the new building for the Training School is nearing completion and will be accepted next session. All of the states in the Southern Baptist Convention have contributed to this work (Mississippi has given \$14,000), and at the completion, there will be no indebtedness on the building and furnishings.

This has partly been accomplished by renovating and using a great deal of the furniture that was in the old building. I enumerate below a few needs, hoping that some W. M. S.'s and even Y. W. A.'s and G. A.'s will find these needs within their means, and will send the money for them to W. M. U. Headquarters in Jackson, to be sent on to Miss Littlejohn as a kind of "House-warming present":

The articles are:

35 single mattresses	@ \$10.00 each
20 single bed springs	@ \$10.00 each
46 desks	@ \$15.00 each
258 shades	@ \$1.15 each

Couldn't we have a Training School house-warming in the home of one of our members, and each one of us bring a small silver offering, and designate our whole amount for whatever we would like best to give? There is a need to fit the purse of every one. This would be very helpful at this time.

Sincerely, your Training School Trustee,

Mrs. J. L. Johnson.

Georgia Baptists have plans for a campaign to raise five million dollars for Christian Education, the larger part of it to go to Mercer University, the rest divided among Bessie Tift, Shorter, Brewton Parker Junior College and Norman Junior College, the campaign to extend over five years.

Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference meets in Batesville, May 6, 9:45 a. m. There will be Devotional by A. T. Cinnamond; Reports by All Pastors; Problem Conference led by O. C. Chance; Seminary Outlines, led by J. B. Middleton; Acts 10, taught by J. R. G. Hewlett, followed by general discussion. After lunch, Acts 11, by R. W. Porter; General discussion; Acts 12, by L. C. Crumby, and general discussion. Please note carefully place and time of meeting. All preachers urged to come.

Dr. S. A. Murphy, pastor of Valence Street Church, New Orleans, for ten years, recently had Dr. Norman W. Cox of Meridian in a revival meeting. He says, "He certainly did the job well. He is one of Baptist's finest preachers. His work is thoroughly constructive in every way. I feel that my church has profited much by his stay with us. We had several additions by faith and by letter." The church has recently purchased a lovely home for the pastor, 2224 Marengo St. Brother Murphy will help Pastor L. B. Cobb in a meeting at Union beginning April 30, and then attend the Convention in Birmingham.

The Commercial Appeal has an editorial commending the work of Dr. H. P. Hurt, who has been a pastor in Memphis for 28 years. He has recently resigned the care of Union Ave. Church and was elected Pastor Emeritus, effective as soon as the church can secure a pastor. Dr. Hurt is a Mississippian, reared at Winona, educated at Mississippi College, and pastor for some years at Kosciusko. He was one of the founders of the Baptist Hospital in Memphis, and long a member of the Board of Trustees. He will, though not in the prime of health, find ways of usefulness in the days ahead.

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SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

Dr. W. W. Melton, newly elected
Secretary of the Executive Board
of the Texas Baptist Convention,
was the principal speaker at the
spring program of Mission Day at
the Southwestern Baptist Theologi-
cal Seminary, April 25. Rev. H. B.
Ramsour, missionary to Japan, now
at home on furlough, was the other
featured speaker of the day. Other
missionaries in this country on fur-
lough who had part on the program
were Miss Helen McCullough of the
Central China Mission, Shaanghai,
Miss Edith Boyd of the University
of Shanghai, and Rev. E. O. Mills,
Nagasaki, Japan. Three of the eight
students of the Seminary, who have
just been appointed by the Foreign
Mission Board, closed the services
with their testimonies of God's call
of their lives. They were Rev. W.
J. Webb (Somerset, Texas); Rev. T.
N. Clinkscales, Calais, Alabama;
and Rev. J. B. Adair, Gordon, Tex.
Besides these men and their wives
Miss Katherine Cozzens of Fort
Worth, Texas, and Miss Mildred
Smith of Winters, Texas, were also
appointed.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor
of the Broadway Baptist Church,
Fort Worth, Texas, was the speaker
for the 1941 Faculty-Senior Ban-
quet of the Southwestern Baptist
Theological Seminary on April 24.
An outstanding visitor of the oc-
casion was Dr. Frank H. Leavell,
Southwide Secretary of the B. S. U.,
who had been at the Seminary for
three days of conferences and ad-
dresses. Speaking to almost a hun-
dred students presided over by Pro-
fessor Edwin McNeely, Dr. Hudgins
climaxed the program by an address
on "What Next for the Churches."

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, President
of Southwestern Baptist Theological
Seminary, has just closed a highly
successful evangelistic meeting with
Rev. Frederick E. Smith, pastor of
the First Baptist Church, Green-
ville, Miss., in which there were 75
additions to the church, 50 of whom
were for baptism.

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students.

Please have this broadcast
announced in your church Sun-
day.

BRANDON

We came to Brandon one year ago
next first Sunday as pastor. We
found the finest people that the
Lord has any place. They have co-
operated in the finest kind of way,
and due to their cooperation and the
added blessings of the Lord, we
have gone forward in a splendid way.

The church has made the progress
that I state below: When we came
to Brandon the church was only hav-
ing preaching one Sunday a month.
We now have two Sundays and are
planning to go full time in the near
future. The church has raised the
pastor's salary to almost three times
what it was when we became its
pastor. We are sending the Baptist
Record to all our families. We are
a member of the Ministers' Retire-
ment Plan. We are now laying the
foundation for an annex to our
building, and it will be paid for when
finished. Praise his name.

We have enjoyed a glorious in-
crease in our membership. We have
received into the church 46 members,
15 by baptism and 31 by letter. We
praise God most for this blessing.

We have the largest attendance at
Sunday school that the church has
ever had. The B. T. U. is doing a
splendid work. The contributions of
our people have more than doubled.

We feel that we can sing the
"doxology" with all earnestness and
feeling.

H. W. Roberson.

We understand that the brethren
in Louisiana sought Dr. Edgar God-
bold for the presidency of Louisiana
College, but he felt it to be the will
of God for him to remain in Mis-
souri.

Customer: "What colors have you
in window blinds?"

Clerk: "Window blinds are all
shades, Madame."

Now Club Association meetings
for this week and next are: Jasper
County, May 1, Louin, 10 a. m., J.
E. Sansing, Stringer, presiding;
Newton County, May 1, Newton,
2:30 p. m., J. L. Lewis, Union, pre-
siding; Clarke County, May 2, Quit-
man, 10 a. m., Rev. N. A. Edmonds,
Shubuta, presiding; Wayne County,
May 2, Waynesboro, 2:30 p. m., N.
L. Shoemaker, Waynesboro, presid-
ing; Jones County, May 3, Laurel,
10 a. m., E. D. Hurst, Laurel, pre-
siding; Covington County, May 3,
Collins, 2:30 p. m., Rev. J. E. Cran-
ford, Seminary, presiding.

Perry County, May 6, New Augus-
ta, 10 a. m., Prof. H. C. Odom, New
Augusta, presiding; Greene County,
May 6, Leakesville, 2:30 p. m., Mur-
doc Walley, Leakesville, presiding;
George County, May 7, Lucedale, 10
a. m., Rev. E. J. Eubanks, Lucedale,

presiding; Jackson County, May 7,
Moss Point, 2:30 p. m., Rev. Monte
A. Davis, Moss Point, presiding;
Gulf Coast Association, May 8,
Gulfport, 10 a. m., Rev. W. S. Allen,
Pass Christian, presiding; Lebanon
Association, May 8, Hattiesburg,
2:30 p. m., Nelson H. Webb, Hat-
tiesburg, presiding.

Pearl River County, May 9, Pop-
larville, 10 a. m., Prof. J. N. Stewart,
Picayune, presiding; Marion Coun-
ty, May 9, Columbia, 2:30 p. m., A.
G. Stubblefield, Columbia, presiding;
Walshall County, May 10, Tylertown,
10 a. m., Rev. James B. Ray, Tyler-
town, presiding; Jefferson Davis
County, May 10, Prentiss, 2:30 p.
m., L. G. Parker, Prentiss, presiding.

Pastors, Church Chairmen, and
Church Chairwomen, be sure to at-
tend your Now Club Association
meeting.

JACKSON COUNTY

It has indeed been a glorious
time with Jackson County Baptists
during this week of County wide
revival, and we at Escatawpa church
are having very tangible results in
the way of new Converts, and a re-
newed interest in all phases of the
church work.

It was truly an ingathering of
the Saints with us at this place on
Friday the closing day of the week's
work when that Concourse of Pas-
tors came to be with us for the
10 to 12 o'clock service, Dr. McCall
gave us a fine report of the work
in general, and then called for re-
ports of the week from the various
churches in the county. The floor
was then given to that inimitable
Dr. Varnado of Mobile who closed
the morning hour.

Our guest Pastor for the week was
Bro. Gaston Mooney of Clinton who
each night brought us a great mes-
sage, we plan to have him with us
again for a week beginning 3rd
Sunday in June. Pray for us that
we may accomplish much for His
Kingdom work.—J. E. Nelson, Esca-
tawpa.

Central Baptist Theological Sem-
inary of Kansas City, Kansas, will
conduct a summer school beginning
June 17, and another at Van Buren,
Mo., for three weeks beginning July
7. Free scholarships are offered pas-
tors getting less than \$1,000 a year,
who have had no seminary training.

A woman whose husband had join-
ed the Navy, gave a note to the
minister the following Sunday. The
note said: "Mr. Tom Smith having
gone to sea, his wife requests that
the congregation pray for his safe-
ty."

The minister was nearsighted and
as he read aloud, the congregation
heard: "Mr. Tom Smith, having gone
to see his wife, requests that the
congregation pray for his safety."

WINNERS

Winners of first place in Blue
Mountain College Literary Contest
whose articles will be entered in the
Southern Literary Festival to be held
at Southwestern, Memphis, Tenn.,
April 25-26.

Left, Miss Elizabeth Jacob, Frank-
lin, Ky., who won first place in
Short Story, Poetry, and Religious
Education Essay contests, and Miss
Olivia Burnett of Booneville who
won first place in the Essay Contest.
—From Blue Mountain College, Mary
Frances Skilton, Secretary.

The report comes to us just before
the Record goes to press of the
death of Dr. J. N. McMillin, pastor
of the church at Louisville for about
sixteen years. His death occurred in
the Baptist Hospital in Memphis.
The burial was at Hattiesburg. He
leaves his wife, two daughters and
a son. We shall have some apprecia-
tion of him in next week's Record.

"If a man smashed a clock, could
he be convicted of killing time?"
"Not if the clock struck first."

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Sunday School Lesson

PREPARED BY
BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson for May 4th
"A GREAT MAN YIELDS TO CHRIST"

Bible Text: Acts 8.

INTRODUCTION:

Read the whole chapter from the second verse to the end. Study verses one to four for the story of the persecution which broke out against the church with the martyrdom of Stephen. Notice especially the part played by Saul. (Vs. 3) Note also in verses one to four that it was not the apostles who went out from Jerusalem preaching the gospel, but the ordinary men and women of the church. Read the story of the Samaritan revival, noting that it was a deacon, Philip, who led in his revival. The whole account is comprised in verses 5 to 25. The apostles in Jerusalem seemed to have become a bit exercised on account of what was going on in Samaria. Perhaps they were a bit anxious to know whether a mere deacon was fit to preach the gospel.

I. Philip Makes a Journey.

Vs. 26 to 28.

Philip was preaching to the Samaritans and leading in a great revival there when an angel of the Lord called him away from his field of work. His work was bearing great fruit unto the Lord in Samaria but the Lord had another work for him to do. That is not the last time that the Lord has called a busy preacher away from a fruitful field to another field of the Lord's appointment.

Philip obeyed the Lord and went just where he was told to go. If the record may be believed or, to speak more accurately, there is nothing in the record to indicate that Philip knew a thing about his ultimate destination or what he was expected to do on the way. He was simply bidden to travel the road that leads from Jerusalem down to Gaza through the desert. But being assured in his heart that his orders came from the Lord Philip responded to the order—left the lush fields of his evangelistic labors in Samaria and took his journey down the desert road. He traveled this road alone, no doubt, all the way from Samaria to the point where the road from Samaria south converged with the road from Jerusalem south. He would no doubt have continued his journey past the fork of the road down into the desert alone had not the Lord ordained that he should meet some one at the fork of the road.

II. Philip Meets a Traveler.

Vs. 27 to 31.

Just as Philip reached the forks of the road a traveler reached that point, coming down from Jerusalem on his way to Gaza and beyond. This traveler was journeying in a chariot and, since he was a man of great importance in his native country, it is safe to assume that other chariots journeyed with him the whole composing a rather notable

retinue. For this traveler was the secretary of the treasury of his queen, the Candace, of Ethiopia. This noted man (may we not safely assume that he was a black man?), was a man of deep piety. He had been up to Jerusalem to worship. He had traveled hundreds of miles in his journey to the sacred city in order that he might find food for the hunger of his heart. It is vain to speculate as to how much he may have known concerning the religion of the Jews. From what we know of his sexual condition we are assured that he could not have been a Jew. Perhaps we might say that he was a proselyte of the gate, meaning thereby that he worshiped after the manner of the Jews but was not permitted any nearer to the temple that the gate of the court of the Gentiles. He had the Jewish scriptures, which must have cost him if he purchased them quite a sum of money. He was striving to find his way to the true God; for even as he journeyed he was reading the Greek translation of the prophet Isaiah. I think it quite clinching evidence of the Piety of the man that he was thus engaged while jolting along the highway on the seat of a chariot. When he reached the convergence of the roads from Samaria and Jerusalem his chariot came abreast of Philip. It is not likely that he saw Philip at first at all. He was too busily engaged in reading his Bible.

III. Philip Makes an Opportunity.

Vs. 29 to 31.

Here now was Philip walking along the road and here an earnest man overtaking Philip in a chariot but this earnest traveler was reading unmindful of Philip's presence near him. Just then Philip had another order from the Lord, "Go and glue thyself to this chariot." So Philip ran alongside the chariot and addressed a question to the reader, "Do you understand what you are reading?" "How can I expect someone explain it to me?" Won't you get up and ride with me and tell me what this writer means? Here then was Philip's opportunity. Here was a man without the Lord, desirous of instruction in the word of the Lord. See how Philip embraced the opportunity to tell this traveler about Jesus.

IV. Philip Preaches Jesus.

Vs. 32 to 35.

The traveler was reading Isaiah 53 where the prophet describes the suffering servant of God as being led as a sheep to the slaughter and as being dumb as a lamb before his shearers. When he had read through the clause which declares that the suffering servant's life is taken away from the earth he stopped reading and looking at Philip asked, "Who is the Prophet talking about here? Himself, or someone else?" The passage which he had just read aloud was a fine text from which to preach Jesus as the Messiah. We are not told how many miles they traveled while Phillip announced the good news of Jesus but we may be very sure that his explanation was very full and complete. He went on to show how the prophets had foretold the coming of the suffering servant and of how the life of Jesus of Nazareth fitted

exactly into the prophetic picture. He no doubt told the Ethiopian treasurer that only by becoming humble could the Messiah of God ascend the kingly throne and sway his sceptre as King of kings and Lord of lords. Phillip told the story of the earthly life of Jesus, of his crucifixion, resurrection and ascension and just as he finished the story the chariot reached a pool of water whether a river or a large wayside pool, it contained water enough for the Lord's purpose in the life of the treasurer.

V. Philip Finishes His Assignment.

Vs. 36-40.

It was the treasurer who mentioned the subject of baptism. "Here is the water. I want to be baptized." I just love a chap like that. Soon as he knew what he ought to do, he was eager to do it. Is it so with you? I am ashamed that it is not always true in my own case. My Lord wants me to do things from the doing of which I shrink, knowing that it is best to do His bidding unquestioningly.

We are not even told that Philip said anything to the man, but he just took it for granted that he was about to be baptized, and told his driver to stop the horses. I made no doubt that other chariots drew up and halted as Philip and his convert descended from their seats in the chariot and, with the arm of the deacon over the treasurer's shoulder, walked, the two of them, down into the water till they reached a depth sufficient for the purpose, and then Philip baptized this fine man.

Philip's work with the treasurer is now done, but the Lord is not done with either of them. The Ethiopian went on his way rejoicing, to plant, according to tradition, the Christian religion in his native land, and the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away to another field of labor.

Miss Lucy Pettit who lives at the Baptist Orphanage has recently written a term theme for her English course at Blue Mountain, where she is a freshman. She has taken as her subject, "The Orphan and The Orphanage." This is a very interesting paper and quite a bit of research work was done by the writer. I do not have time or space for the complete paper, but will give the preface: On September 15, 1932, my feet for the first time were placed upon the campus of the Baptist Orphanage, at Jackson, Mississippi. Since that time the orphanage has been my home. The many boys and girls, whom I have met there have entered my life and have made me love and appreciate true friendship. My "mothers" and "fathers" have taught me many valuable lessons and have won my love and respect. The marvelous way in which this institution is managed with the help of its many fine staff members and my deep abiding love for the Orphanage as my home make up my principal reasons for writing this research paper on "The Orphan and the Orphanage." Perhaps this paper may be given in complete form at some future time.—W. G. Mize, Superintendent.



Miss Cynthia Jo Hall, Eclectic, Alabama, who has been elected Student Government President by the students of Blue Mountain college for next session.

A DAY AT A TIME

W. G. Mize

A doctor was once asked by a patient who had met with a serious accident, "Doctor, how long shall I have to lie here?" The answer, "Only a day at a time," taught the patient a precious lesson. It was the same lesson God had recorded for His people of all ages, long before: The day's portion in its day. Faithful for one short day, long years to take care of themselves. We are trying to do this at the Baptist Orphanage, only a day at a time. But there are special days when we expect more than on other days, and there are days when we receive more. One of these days is Mother's Day. Please remember the work of the Orphanage on this day.

Rev. A. V. Reese, pastor of First Baptist Church of Fairview, N. C., who has done missionary-evangelistic work throughout the South and is highly commended by secretaries and pastors where he has served, desires to assist pastors in revivals in Mississippi during the summer. He goes with or without a singer.—A. V. Reese.

Many churches, Sunday schools, Missionary Societies and Brotherhoods really get behind the Mother's Day offering for the Orphanage. While no particular effort is put forth by a large number. Please help us to make the goal reach as nearly 100% as possible for this year. This can be done by everyone doing his or her part. May we count on you?

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Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School opens for 1941 on May 1st. Many churches had one will do the finest thing. Vacation Bible School that the daily department are thoroughly out can have one, before, and teachers have Each day's work is planned book.

The books of the Baptist Bible Now is the time for the principal, teachers, get the advertising it. Once, so that be definitely so.

Packages of literature may be Sunday School quest.

A number of having 1-day V clinics this Spring. Oktibbeha, River, Scott, Greton association clinics, and others will.

This offers for the people the association and spend several how to promote all the churches.

It isn't too late in your association you advertise in the good worker want one. Have school this year help some churches one also.

Cradle Roll

The last Sunday suggested time in the Sunday to give special Cradle Roll day far-reaching work birth through What an imposition!

Free literature Day may be seen the Sunday School 530, Jackson. T day of blessing planning a good

Extension

We were made get the report of departments from Board, Nashville, Mississippi lead the South in Extension department during the month of May, and many schools thing of organ helpful ministr



Jo Hall, Eclectic, has been elected Government President of Blue Mountain for next session.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, SECRETARY
JOHN A. FARMER, ASSOCIATE
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, ELEM. SEC.

Vacation Schools

The Vacation Bible school prospects for 1941 are very encouraging. Many churches that have never had one will do so this year. One of the finest things about putting on a Vacation Bible school is the fact that the daily programs for each department are so completely and thoroughly outlined that any church can have one; even if it never did before, and even if none of the teachers have ever had experience. Each day's work for each department is planned in the department book.

The books can be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson. Now is the time to select the definite time for your school, secure the principal, enlist the other teachers, get the books, and start advertising it. Get the time fixed at once, so that important item will be definitely settled.

Packages of free promotional literature may be had from the state Sunday School Department upon request.

A number of the associations are having 1-day Vacation Bible school clinics this Spring. Tippah, Monroe, Oktibbeha, Riverside, Copiah, Bolivar, Scott, Grenada, Walthall, Newton associations have already their clinics, and Hinds-Warren, Winston and others will have yet.

This offers a great opportunity for the people of the churches of the association to come together and spend several hours studying how to promote Vacation schools in all the churches of the association.

It isn't too late yet to have one in your association. We will help you advertise it, furnish the literature for the program, provide a good worker to assist, if you want one. Have a Vacation Bible school this year in your church, and help some church near you to have one also.

Cradle Roll Day

The last Sunday in May is the suggested time for Cradle Roll Day in the Sunday schools. It is a day to give special emphasis to the Cradle Roll department, in all its far-reaching work for those from birth through three years of age. What an important group in any school!

Free literature on Cradle Roll Day may be secured on request from the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson. This can be made a day of blessings to many people by planning a good program for it.

Extension Department

We were made glad recently to get the report of new Extension departments from the Sunday School Board, Nashville, and learn that Mississippi leads all the states of the South in the number of new Extension departments organized during the months of January, February, and March, 1941.

Many schools should do this vital thing of organizing to extend the helpful ministry of the school to

those who cannot come. Don't omit that great and important group of our people. Free literature on request.

Training Classes

Many training classes are being held during these spring weeks. Be sure and send us the report of it immediately upon completion of the class so that the awards may be received as early as possible. Blanks for reporting classes will be gladly sent on request.

If you have not already had your spring training class, plan it right away because it is never too late to study, and study means better work.

"IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY"

What an impressive theme for a B. S. U. installation service! M. S. C. W.'s new council was installed at the First Baptist Church of Columbus Sunday night, April 13 with Charlotte Cloud, retiring president, presiding.

To carry out this theme, a cross with a light for each council member had been made. As the new officer knelt before the cross, the retiring council member placed on her the mantle of responsibility. Then she arose and turned on one of the lights showing the acceptance of her responsibility to light up the cross of Christ on the campus through her particular duty.

Miss Wilda Tilghman, Student Secretary, brought a challenging message to the new council members, and they responded with "Jesus I MY Cross Have Taken." Dr. J. D. Franks, Pastor, spoke in his usual enlightening manner on "Friends of the Cross."

Juanita Montgomery of Laurel will serve as president and the rest of the council is as follows: Jeanette Cooper, Starkville; Ann Knox, Pontotoc; Katherine Godsett, Greenville; Marjorie Lee, Jonestown; Sara Frances Flowers, Goodman; Catherine Parkinson, Durant; Marion Hodges, Indianola; Jessie V. Izard, New Hebron; Helen Rigby, Pope; Polly Jones, Yazoo City; Annie Katherine Lewis, Laurel; Minnie Ruth Spivey, Decatur; Earline Vaughn, Columbus; and Nella Dean Mitchell, Louisville.

Dr. Noble Y. Beall, Secretary of the Education Department of the Home Mission Board, will be a guest member of the summer faculty of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas. Dr. Beall, who is well known as a leader of Southern Baptist work among the negro race, will teach a course in the Race Problem. He will also have a class in a survey of Southern Baptist Home Missions. This Summer School opens May 19th for a session of eight weeks under the direction of Dr. T. B. Maston, professor of Social Ethics.

To the dear friends of Kreole Baptist Church: I deeply rejoice with you in the results of your recent revival meeting. I thank my God for the days of labor with you. Upon you, a people close to my heart, I pray His choicest blessings shall descend as you live to serve our Lord and Saviour. Your former pastor, J. C. Taylor.

THANKS, MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PASTORS

A few months ago, at my expense, I wrote a card to every Baptist pastor in Mississippi, about 700 in all, asking them to help the Foreign Mission Board to increase the circulation of its magazine, THE COMMISSION.

I suggested that each pastor take as his quota of subscriptions a number equal to the number of deacons in his church, or churches, plus one for himself. Many pastors responded, but not all. The subscription list from Mississippi has about doubled in these few months. When I was in Richmond last week attending the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board I learned that Mississippi had just about reached its quota of about 1,200, but not quite. The Board is seeking to reach a total of at least 25,000 subscriptions by the meeting of the convention in May, 30,000 by the end of the year. This can be done easily, with just a little more co-operation from our pastors, deacons and W. M. U. leaders.

May I not ask again that each pastor send in a few subscriptions now. Reach the suggested quota for your church. This great magazine cost only fifty cents per year. In these crucial days for foreign missions our pastors and people need to keep informed about the work. THE COMMISSION is the official organ of the Foreign Mission Board.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

J. D. Franks.

SENATOR MORRIS SHEPPARD

We are saddened by the news of the death on April 9 of Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas. He was not old, only sixty-five. Afflicted with a hemorrhage of the brain, he died in the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. On March 11th, last, he completed thirty-eight years' service in Congress. Senator Sheppard's memory will be revered by humanitarians and earnest Christians who hear of him. He will always be remembered as "The Father of the Eighteenth Amendment," the sanest and most constructive means of dealing with the liquor traffic ever proposed by anybody, no matter what the wets and their sympathizers have to say about it. Senator Sheppard hated liquor, he hated beer, he hated wine, and he despised the arguments of those who upheld them. He believed alcohol to be poison, with adequate scientific support for his viewpoint. He never surrendered his convictions. Fit for the kingdom of God, he set his hand to the plow of his great humanitarian faith and looked not back. Morris Sheppard will not have to report to his God that he failed mankind in the great test while he lived here on earth. Not all his efforts were for prohibition. Wearing an unchanging expression of benign tolerance, he espoused all legislation that aimed at the purity and sanctity of life. A man of godly faith and conviction has fallen. The cause of human decency and faith has suffered a great loss. Will we look upon his like again?

—Watchman-Examiner.

BLUE MOUNTAIN NIGHT

Sunday evening, April 20, was "Blue Mountain Night" at the First Church, Senatobia. By invitation of Pastor H. L. Martin, Dr. L. T. Lowrey, president of Blue Mountain College, assisted by the college quartet and Mr. Jerry Williams with an excellent motion picture projector, presented a program which was greatly enjoyed by a capacity audience.

In the absence of Dr. Martin, who was preaching the commencement sermon for the Taylor High School, Rev. A. T. Cinnamond, former pastor, presided over the services and presented Dr. Lowrey who delivered a forceful and informing address on the value of Christian education and the work being carried on at Blue Mountain. This address was supplemented with several attractive reels of motion pictures showing scenes and activities on the Blue Mountain campus.

An enjoyable feature of the program was the singing of the Blue Mountain quartet, composed of Misses Mae Blanche Sensing of Nashville, Tenn., Rebecca Reid of Greenville, S. C., Lynne Whitehurst of Sheffield, Ala., and Eleanor Grace Bates of West Hartford, Conn. The selections beautifully rendered by these gracious and well-trained musicians left a profound impression upon the minds and hearts of those who heard them.

The service from beginning to end was impressive and uplifting. It was an occasion that will long be remembered with gratitude by all who attended.

We honor our dear mothers, the living and those of blessed memory, by making our gift to the children who need Mother's love. Remember the children of the Baptist Orphanage on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11th.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens for someone else. Dickens. Will you help to lighten the burden of the management of the Orphanage by making a liberal cash offering on Mother's Day to help take care of the large number of boys and girls who make their home there?

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My dear children:

You'll find on our page today an interesting assortment of letters; messages from members of long standing, and others from brand new members, many both old and new sending gifts to go to the orphanage or our scholarship fund or to both. I know you'll enjoy reading what they have to say and I hope that you will be inspired to go and do likewise.

I trust that you will use part of your vacation time in doing what you can to build up interest in our Children's Circle. Don't forget that the needs of our work go right on, winter or summer, and that although we lose Miss Fleming when she graduates next month that there will be another consecrated young woman whom we will be wanting to help. In order to be of any real assistance it is necessary that we plan and save and give during these summer months. Let's work together toward that end.

With love,
Mrs. Frances Steele

BIBLE STUDY

Jesus Teaches Humility. Read Luke 14: 7-11.

"For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 14: 12.

Jesus was invited one Sabbath day by a Pharisee to dine with him. It was considered all right for them to have these Sabbath feasts, if the food was prepared the day before and served cold. On this occasion, the Pharisee invited his friends, other Pharisees, scribes, and rabbis, and Jesus. They were watching Jesus, trying to find fault with something that he said or did. Jesus was also watching them and must have been disappointed at what he saw. The guests were of different social standing, and they all were trying to get for themselves the best and most honorable seats at the table. Jesus saw the need of rebuking their self-seeking and an opportunity to teach a lesson in humility.

"When you are invited to a wedding feast," he said, "do not hurry to crowd into the most honorable seat. It might happen that when you were seated, someone would come in who was deserving of a higher place than you are, and then you would be asked to move. That would be embarrassing, for by that time all the other seats would have been taken, except the one at the very foot of the table. You will be wise, when you come into the banquet room, to choose a seat at the foot of the table. Then if your host thinks that you should have a more honorable place, he will come and invite you up. For be very sure that everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who is not seeking his own glory shall be honored."

Mize, Mississippi,
April 18, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write. I want to join the children's circle. I am nine years old the ninth of April. I go to Sunday School. My teacher is Miss Lillian Roberts. There are eleven pupils in my class. Our pastor is Bro. R. O. Bankston. I have one sister, Larion, and one brother, J. L. He has mumps. I guess I will have it.

Our school was out the eleventh of April. I passed to the fifth grade. Miss West was my teacher. I have four dolls and I am going to play with them this summer.

Your friend,
Dorothy Dean Mayfield

Maybe you will have a light case of the mumps, Dorothy. I hope so if you do take it. Your dolls can go to bed with you without running the risk of getting it, so you can still play with them.—F. L. S.

Brookhaven, Mississippi
April 18, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write you. I enjoy reading the children's circle. I go to Sunday School and preaching at Fair River Church. Bro. D. O. Horn is our pastor. I am eleven years old and am in the sixth grade at school. I have six brothers and one sister. I hope my letter will miss the waste basket.

Love,
Julie Mae Carlisle.
Julie Mae, you are rich in brothers and sister. You don't have a chance to get lonesome, do you? I passed by your church not very long ago.—F. L. S.

Olive Branch, Mississippi.
April 18, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

School will be out the first of May and then I'll be going back home again. Since our home burned we have been living at the High school, but our new home will soon be completed and we will be so happy to be there.

Margaret has had a birthday since we wrote you and she wants me to send you her birthday offering with our Jeannie Lipsey club dues for April, half of it to go to Miss Lynn Fleming. We also want our names on your daily Bible readers' list.

With love,
Fannie Mae Henley
Fannie Mae, I can imagine how happy you will be to move into that new home. Our thanks to you and Margaret for this generous offering which you send. I know Margaret can't be a hundred years old even if she did send a hundred pennies, for only a few years ago she was just a little girl. We gladly add your names to our D. B. R. L.—F. L. S.

1231 Washington
New Orleans, La.,
April 19, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele and Children:

To each one of you, who had a part in making my Easter such a pleasant one, let me say a sincere "Thank you". What a joy it was to receive such useful gifts and beautiful cards from unknown friends, some of whom did not even send their names. Therefore, I'm sending this word of appreciation to those to whom I cannot write cards.

We had a beautiful Easter Sunday in New Orleans, which was especially nice for those who had new outfits. A group of our students attended a very impressive Sunrise Service on Newcomb Campus. Then almost everybody in New Orleans goes to church at least once on Easter, especially the Catholics.

Their forty day Lent season closes on Easter and they celebrate the resurrection of Christ, yet how few of them realize what His resurrection from the dead means to the world! If they could only know that it is only through simple faith in Him that salvation is to be received and not through any of these things that they do.

Are all of you looking forward to the close of school and a happy vacation? I hate to think that I'll be graduating in two weeks, on May sixth, because I surely do hate to leave B. B. L. Truly it is a "little bit of Heaven on earth" and a place that we all dearly love. The time has come when we must go down

from the mountain peaks into the valleys of service.

I shall always be grateful for the part you have had in making it possible for me to have this year at B. B. L. I just hope that I may be worthy of this confidence.

Thanks again for every gift and every prayer, and may the Lord bless you all.

Yours in our Lord's service,
Lynn Fleming

Miss Lynn, I'm sure that I speak for all the Circle when I say that it has been a privilege to have even a small share in your preparation for greater service, and that we rejoice to think of you as our representative. Our love and interest follow you.—F. L. S.

Pinola, Mississippi
April 20, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my second time to write to the children's circle, and I am sending ten cents for the orphanage. I am eight years old. I was promoted to the third grade. I made all A's and one B on my report card. I hope my letter is not too long.

Best wishes,
Patsy Ruth Penton.
I know you are proud of that fine report card, Patsy Ruth, and are happy to be promoted with such a good record. Congratulations! I'm so glad that you thought of the orphans and want to help them. Thank you.—F. L. S.

Courtland, Mississippi
April 18, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I read the Children's Circle almost every time. I enjoy it very much. This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle, so I hope to see my letter in the paper.

Our church where in Courtland is an every family subscriber to the Baptist Record. I go to B. Y. P. U. every Sunday night, and to prayer meeting every Wednesday night. We have a very nice preacher. Mr. Bouch is our pastor.

Your new friend,
Draxa Strain
Draxa, we cordially welcome you into the Circle and hope that you will write often.—F. L. S.

Bucaturra, Miss., Route 2,
April 21, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I am a girl eleven years old, in the seventh grade at school. My teacher is Mr. H. K. Kelly. I like him fine. I go to Sunday School most every Sunday. I am in the junior class. My teacher is W. D. Smith. I really love to go to Sunday School. My mother has been sick but is better now. I have one sister and four brothers. I also have two nephews and two nieces. Mrs. Steele, I would like to join the Children's Circle. I am sending ten cents to go to the orphans, I would like for you to send me one of your pamphlets. I read some in the Bible most every day but I will start reading it every day.

We surely are having some hot weather down here on the farm. I go to school at Mason. My playmate is Bethyl Mae Dunn. We surely do have some good times together.

Your new friend,
Ouida Smith
Ouida, I am temporarily out of these guides for Bible reading but I shall be glad to send you one just as soon as I can get some more. In the meantime, won't you keep up with the daily Bible readings in your Sunday school book? If you will I shall be glad to enroll you at once as a member of the Daily Bible Reader's League. Thank you lots for this gift which I shall be glad to send to the orphanage.—F. L. S.

Braxton, Miss., April 22, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I read it every week and enjoy it very much. I will be thirteen years old in August and when school starts I will be in the eighth grade. I go to the same

school that Edna Lou goes to. Johns is the name of our school.

With love,
Flora Helen Sinclair.
Well, Flora, when you get in your teens, you are really a "big girl". Don't get so big that you won't write to the Children's Circle, though. Come again, soon.—F. L. S.

Florence, Miss.,
April 22, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am sorry that the money was misplaced, I am sending twenty cents this time. I had a nice time Easter. My B. Y. P. U. leaders gave us an egg hunt Saturday afternoon. Our school is out and I am glad; I will be in the eighth grade next year. My Grandmother takes the Baptist Record and I always read the Children's page.

Lots of love,
Rose Russell.
Rose, your money came this time all safe and sound. Thank you very much. I am using half of it on our scholarship fund and half on the orphanage fund. Have you heard from those far-away aunts, whether they saw your other letter in the paper or not?—F. L. S.

Collins, Mississippi, Rt. 2
April 21, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my second time to write to the Children's Circle. I surely do enjoy reading it. I am eleven years old and I will be in the sixth grade next year, my school is out and I surely am glad. I go to church every Sunday. I like to go very much. I go to a Baptist church and my daddy is the pastor. I am a junior girl. I am sending you ten cents to use just as you see fit.

Your friend,
Frances Rogers
When a girl goes to hear Daddy preach, she knows she is going to hear a good sermon, doesn't she, Frances? We are glad to hear from you again and appreciate very much the contribution you are making. Since our "Miss Lynn" is graduating in May and we won't have many more chances to help on her scholarship, I'm using your gift that way.—F. L. S.

Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Rt. 5,
April 21, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the children's circle. I want to join. My school is out now and I was in the third grade. I was promoted to the fourth grade. Mrs. B. R. Campbell was my teacher. I like the children's circle very much, and I want to join the Daily Bible Readers League, so please send me a pamphlet so I can use your plan to read the Bible. I go to Sunday School and church every Sunday. I go to Macedonia school and church. I am sending a dime to be used where it is needed most.

Your little friend,
Rose Patricia Merritt.
Rose, I've written for a new supply of these pamphlets, and when they come I'll surely send you one. Until you receive it, won't you read the daily Bible readings given with your Sunday School lesson? That might be the best plan for a little girl anyway. I'm using your dime to make our scholarship fund grow, and I'm thanking you for helping.—F. L. S.

Laurel, Mississippi, Rt. One
April 21, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

May I join the Children's Circle? I want to join the D.B.R.L. may I? I am a girl eleven years old and I will be in the fifth grade next year. I go to Myrick school. Our school was out Thursday. I go to Beulah Church. Bro. W. W. Allred is our pastor. I have a little brother eight months old. Will you please send me a pamphlet for me to read. Isn't this the first letter from this part of the country? I have two sisters; our names are Lora Mae, Clara Fay, and Willie Ray Brown. I have just

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Time For Elimination Contests

The general plan for the District Conventions is for each association to have a representative from each department to enter the contests at the District Convention. Each church will have the contests within themselves, sending their winner to the associational meet. The winners in the District Convention represents the district at the State Convention in November, and that is a far as we carry the contests. Associational Directors will be calling a meeting for their association for these contests within the next five weeks.

More About The Contests

One Associational Intermediate Leader writes that their Associational Director never plans for this contest and asks it, it will be all right for her to call a meeting of all Intermediates and there have the elimination contest, thus selecting the Intermediate who will represent their association at the District Convention. The answer is "YES". Of course it is hard to believe we would have an Associational Director who would neglect such an important part of the training program, but since there is one we urge this leader to go ahead with her particular department and let it be represented. Other leaders, in case such conditions should be like this, should also promote their departments work regardless of others.

Subjects To Be Used By The Strothers

We are happy to give here the subjects that will be used by Brother and Mrs. G. W. Strother at the District Convention in June. Bro. Strother will use subjects, Jesus and My Life, and Jesus in China. Mrs. Strother will use the subjects, Women in China, and Other Stories in China. You can readily see that these will be largely human interest stories, and will give us an insight to the needs and how we are meeting the needs in China, our greatest mission field.

Remember the conventions are for only one day, beginning 10:00 A.M. and running through a night service. The host church will serve lunch and supper free to all visitors. There will be the usual 25c registration fee for all except the Story Hour members. We would rather have you than your money, and we want no one to stay away because of this registration fee. This is the way we finance these conventions. Pay if you can, but come anyway.

Calvary B. T. U. In Carroll For Missions

It is true that some unions are not supported through the church budget and hence they have to take offerings each Sunday. Whether this is true with Calvary union in Carroll Co. we do not know, but we

do know they took one offering, the first they took after being organized, and this offering was for Missions, thinking of others. Another fine thing we note, they sent it through the right channel, to The State Convention Board office in Jackson. The offering was \$4.00 and every penny of it went to the designated object, and these young people have the joy of knowing that each one who made the offering possible is having a part in preaching the gospel through the mission program.

Parkway Juniors

Miss Eunice Sandlin, Junior Director of Parkway Jackson reports that her Juniors are growing in every way. She has 74 enrolled with an average attendance of 50. In their recent study course there were 45 to take examination in Trail Makers in Other lands taught by Miss Winifred Murphy. Three of the unions were A-1 the fourth Quarter. If you haven't read Miss Sandlin's article about Parkway in the April Magazine, do so. Their program of progress will inspire you.

B. T. U. At M. S. C. W.

"Training in B. S. U. councilship" may well be an aim of the Baptist Training Union at M. S. C. W. After exams the B. T. U. was reorganized from the four class division to six new unions composed of girls from all classes. The new plan not only provides for increasing the membership, but it also stresses efficiency among those already enlisted.

From the fourteen B. T. U. cabinet members, eight have been chosen to serve on the B. S. U. council for next year. The variety of their duties are evidences of the efficiency and good training they received from B. T. U. work.

Nell Dean Mitchell,
B.S.U. Publicity Chm.,
M. S. C. W.

Holly Grove In Winston Organizes B. T. U.

Thanks to Brother R. A. Collier, pastor, for the report of a newly organized B. T. U. at Holly Grove church in Winston Co. Officers elected are, Director, Reginald Rogers; Sec., H. G. Hisaw; Int. Leader, Mrs. Dewey Talbert; Jr. Leader, Mrs. T. P. Palmer; Story Hr. Leaders, Miss Geneva Hisaw and Miss Frances Talbert. Congratulations and best wishes.

Any Associational Director desiring volunteer workers for all or a part of the summer should write to Auber J. Wilds, Oxford, Miss. right away. Our workers are being assigned rapidly.

Here's a good beginning. The Catholic Bishop of Pittsburgh has forbidden bingo games, a form of gambling, in the Catholic churches of his diocese. Let the good work go on.

MISS. SOUTHERN B. S. U.

The Seniors of Mississippi Southern College B. S. U. Council elected the officers to the Baptists units on Mississippi Southern Campus for next session. The newly elected officers will be installed sometime in the near future. They are as follows: President of B. S. U.: J. T. Smith, La Fette, Ala.

First Vice President: Wilma Gaddis, Morton, Mississippi.

Second Vice President: M. G. Clements, Greenwood, Mississippi.

Third Vice President: Catherine Holland, Vossburg, Mississippi.

President of Y. W. A.: Loretha Harper, Soso, Mississippi.

President of Life Service Band: Beatrice Thornton, Soso, Mississippi.

President of B. Y. P. U.: Mary Maude Thetford, Parchman, Mississippi.

Secretary of B. S. U. Council: Ruth Moulder, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Reporter of B. S. U. Council: Retha Jean Stringer, Lucedale, Mississippi.

Treasurer of B. S. U. Council: Rivers King, Leland, Mississippi.

Pianist for B. S. U. Council: Marguerite Thetford, Parchman, Mississippi.

B. S. U. Magazine Representative: Mary Maude Thetford, Parchman, Mississippi.

Publicity Chairman for B. S. U. Council: Eva Allen, Brookhaven, Mississippi.

President of Volunteer Bible Class: Anelle Bonner, Waynesboro, Mississippi.

Representative of Ministerial League: J. B. Stuart, Bogalusa, La.

Chorister for B. S. U. Council: Dallas Rayborn, Sumrall, Mississippi.

Representatives of Sunday Schools in Hattiesburg:—

River Avenue Baptist Church: I. E. Smith.

First Baptist Church: Mary Beth Oden, Bogalusa, La.

Main Street Baptist Church: Mary Nell McDaniels, Summerland, Mississippi.

Fifth Avenue Baptist Church: Merle Myers, Morton, Mississippi.

38th Avenue Baptist Church: Stella Merle Harper, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Rev. C. S. Moulder, Baptist Student Secretary and the members of the old B. S. U. Council have done efficient work during the past twelve months.

Anna Kate Rolin, Reporter of B. S. U. Council.

RANKIN RESPONDS

On last third Sunday afternoon we filled our appointment at Dry Creek. We had a nice crowd for this small church. We planned to speak to them of the "Now Club" and to urge them to raise their goal of \$50. Just before we were to speak we were informed that they had already raised their fifty dollars and was ready to send it in to headquarters. I didn't have to make my speech. This is one of the smallest churches in Rankin County. What they have done all others can do if they will get busy. We entreat all of our churches to march on in their

efforts to rid Mississippi of these "bonds" that we call debt. We trust every church will read this and be inspired to labor on for the glory of Christ and the advancement of His kingdom.

H. W. Roberson,
County Chairman.

LETTER FROM A MISSISSIPPI BOY IN CAMP

(We withhold here names of people and places, for while the young man who writes this letter is willing to take full responsibility for it, and has not asked that his name be withheld, it is quite possible that it might subject him to criticism. Editor.)

April 19, 1941

I was very much impressed by the article in the April 17, edition of the Baptist Record, "A 'Fanatic' Visits Camp Shelby." The writer was undoubtedly right in his impression of the camp; however I think that his criticism was much too mild.

I am in the Blank which is composed of Mississippi men. Much to my disgust and sorrow they are not the type of men that I knew in my native state. Profanity is used to a great extent by officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates alike. Intoxicating liquors (beer and whiskey) are consumed in such quantities as I never dreamed existed before being inducted into the Army. The sad fact is the those who do not use intoxicating liquors in civilian life, do now use them habitually. Was not France's downfall enough to convince Americans of the harmfulness of intoxicating liquor?

Christians of Mississippi, we of the Blank are your native sons. When we finish our training we will return to Mississippi to live. What kind of citizens will we make?

(It might be interesting to note that while I am writing this letter that in an adjoining tent, a man has just come in with fifteen or twenty bottles of beer.)

Something must be done immediately! Undoubtedly a large percent of the men enlisted here are members of some church — Nominal church members. Can't we as Christians join together, regardless of denomination, and make this army an Army of "Christian Soldiers?"

Sincerely,
BLANK.

Magistrate: "Rise every morning with the fixed determination to make your wife realize that you are master of the house, and see what happens."

Mr. Meek: "I can tell you right now I'll have to get my own breakfast."

The street orator was warming up to his subject. "These astounding figures, ladies and gentlemen, are not my own," he said. "They are the figures of a man who knows what he is talking about."

Then he wondered why his audience laughed.

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BIBLE OR BULLETS

\$25,000.00 was the cost, in World War No. 1, for every man, woman and child killed. This sum does not include the previous expense with training. For less than every \$25.00 spent in Brazil by Southern Baptist during 1940 there was a soul saved.

\$25,000.00 the cost to kill one person would print 50,000 Bibles. 50,000 Bibles would win and adify at least the same number of souls. The cost of killing one does not stop when he lies dead on Flander's field by the costly bullet that hit him, but hatred and envy is sowed in the hearts of men to produce other wars that will cost many times World war number one. The Bible sowed destroys hatred and envy and plants in the hearts of men love, compassion and mercy.

More bullets for England! You say lets send them NOW and in abundance. The missionary in Brazil says more Bibles for Brazil. He says print them NOW and in abundance. He signs letters every week saying we cannot furnish you all the Bibles you ordered because we can't get them. The Baptist Publishing House gets all its Bibles from the American and British Bible Societies and they are unable to get them in numbers sufficient to supply the demand. No Bibles in Russian for hungry souls fleeing from oppression and corruption of Communism. And another request for Bibles in Portuguese to be given for Christmas presents while we have to say no, we can't send them because we can't get them from either of the Bible societies. You are asking why the Baptist Publishing House does not print the Bible? The reason is obvious, we do not have what it cost to kill one man in World war number one. We have shops and could print Bibles but paper and labour must be paid for. Brazilian Baptist, Presbyterians, Congregationalist, Methodist and non christians would buy more Bibles if they could get them. Think of the great work of winning Brazil to Christ without the Bible. The time has come when it is cheaper and easier to print the Bible here and in abundance but we don't have the price of one "bullet".

There are in Brazil fifty million souls to be saved and sixty thousand Baptists ready and willing to go to war with the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, but they do not have the Bibles necessary for the battle.

The Bible was translated into the Portuguese language 31 years before it was into English. Why the great difference in the religious life of the two peoples? It is clear. The Bible in Portuguese was and is locked in by the Catholic church. The people were not permitted to read it. It was given freely to the English speaking peoples. History has told its story of the power of the Word in the lives of nations up to the present. It is not hard to imagine the difference the world would experience today if Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini had been brought up with an open Bible before them. Bibles will stop bullets. The Psalmist said: "Thy word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Bullets will stop when the Word is in the hearts of world rulers. The greatest defense the christian world can make against World war No. III is more Bibles in hands of the people. According to TIME German people bought 370,000 more Bibles in 1939 than in the previous year. If through the years the Bible had been bought and used in this proportion we would not have World War number II running rivers of blood, killing women and children helpless to defend themselves.

The South Brazil Mission has organized a Bible Press and hopes with the help of the Foreign Mission Board and the W. M. U. of the South to begin printing Bibles before long. We received a small gift this year from the Over-plus of the Christmas offering and are on the list for a gift for the 1941 Christmas offering.

Give the world Bibles, Bibles for the children, Bibles for the youth, Bibles for the old and the world's bullet makers will go out of business.

J. Cowsert, Caixa 320
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

A VISIT TO OLD FRIENDS

Mrs. Cooper and I had a most delightful trip to Morgan City where on Sunday morning I preached the dedication sermon of their new church house.

Brother Olander has done an almost impossible task in leading that splendid people in building one of the most beautiful brick buildings of the state. It is made to take care of all of the organizations of the church and each organization is already standardized, yes long since. The pastor is an untiring worker and an inspiring leader and the people gladly follow him.

But the amazing thing about the building of the church house is that it was dedicated without any debt. Every cent was paid for, "the money put on the barrel."

It was a happy privilege for Mrs. Cooper and me to meet with old friends of other days and preach to them in this new church house. I was pastor of this church when the first church was built but it became inadequate and was torn away and this gem of beauty has taken its place.

It was a pleasure to be with Brother Olander and his excellent family about whom we heard so many fine things and they are held in high esteem.

Our home while there was with Miss Josie Dent, a most charming hostess.

In the afternoon we went up to Itta Bena and preached at night for Brother Storie and his ever faithful church and people. It was this church that called us as pastor just after we were graduated from college and we were pastor eight years and then were Delta missionary for four years and lived there, so making it our home for twelve years. It was here that our son William Lowrey our missionary was born and daughter now, Mrs. Newman of Vicksburg.

Some of the sweetest memories of life cluster around this place, and church. Brother Storie and his



Winners of first place in Blue Mountain College Literary Contest whose articles will be entered in the Southern Literary Festival to be held at Southwestern, Memphis, Tenn., April 25-26. Left, Miss Elizabeth Jacob, Franklin, Ky., who won first place in Short Story, Poetry, and Religious Education Essay contests, and Miss Olivia Burnett of Booneville who won first place in the Essay contest.



family abide in the strong holds of confidence of his people and of the town.

The church administered the ordinance of baptism just before I preached.

Here is to be found some of the most faithful people. Brother E. A. Rushing is an outstanding leader of this church and has been for a long time and his leadership is felt in all parts of the church life. He functions in all of the departments of the church, save that of the W. M. U., and Brother W. D. Halsell is the efficient Superintendent of the Sunday School.

We were in many of the homes to our delight and profit. May the Lord richly bless these people and His cause every where.

W. R. Cooper.

MRS. P. E. BATES

The home-going of Mrs. P. E. Bates, whose funeral was conducted from the Fayette Baptist Church, of which she was a devoted member, Wednesday, April 16 at 11 A. M., 1941, by Rev. H. L. Byrd assisted by Revs. Corley and Harris, the Methodist and Presbyterian ministers respectively, cast a pall of sorrow over the whole community, because her's had been a beautiful life of Christian helpfulness.

Our hearts go out to the devoted husband and little son Eugene. She is also survived by her father and mother, two sisters and one brother.

May the peace of God comfort these hearts.

H. L. Byrd, Her Pastor.

We honor our dear Mothers, the living and those of blessed memory, by making our gift to the children who need Mother's love. Mother's love, dearer than life to us, we share with the children of our own Baptist Orphanage. By the gifts we make on Mother's Day we acknowledge God's goodness in giving each of us our own dear Mother.

DEEP SEA BANQUET AT M. S. C. W.

"LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP!" was the theme of M. S. C. W.'s Deep-Sea banquet held at the First Baptist church of Columbus, Thursday evening, April 10. Dr. John L. Hill, Book Editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board, brought a forceful and inspiring message as he challenged Baptist students to launch out into the deep of service for Christ.

Dr. B. L. Parkinson, President of the Mississippi State College for Women, addressed the banquet guests in a thought-provoking way on the subject, "Youth, the Hope of the World." Bill Ball, Student Secretary and Glee Club Director, at Mississippi College, was superlative as King of the Deep and toastmaster. Others on the program were: Dr. J. D. Franks, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Columbus; Miss Wilda Tilghman, Student Secretary; E. Franck Lee, who gave a chalk meditation; Juanita Montgomery, B. S. U. President for next year; and Ilene Holder, retiring social chairman of the B. S. U.

The banquet room was very appropriately decorated for the occasion, and even the menu was in keeping with the setting with buttered seaweed, seafoam, glorified sponge, etc. Soon after entering the bottom of the sea, a treasure chest was discovered by two daring young pirates. Upon closer inspection a map of all the treasures was found. Among that treasure were guests from Mississippi College, Mississippi State, Jones County Junior College, and Meridian Junior College.

Truly it was an inspiring occasion in which Baptist Students of Mississippi determined anew to "launch out into the deep."

Guide in Egypt: "It took hundreds of years to build those pyramids."

Tourist: "Ah, I see. It was a Government job."

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IS IT THE DEATH OF THE OLD WORLD?

Many Stressful Times in Christian
History Men Have Gone Out to
Meet the Lord Being Assured that
the Millenium Had Dawned

A Distinction Should Be Drawn Be-
tween the End of the World and
the Closing of An Age, says The
Baptist Times

Dr. J. C. Carlile

In recent years forms of govern-
ment have changed in many lands;
now something more is happening.
It is not simply a rearrangement of
the map of the world, it is more
like a world dying. The old vitality
dies hard, but there are signs that
a new world is dimly taking shape
and striving to be born. It is a great
thing to live in 1940; there is more
than the parting of the ways.

The battle is set, the powers of
evil are arrayed; the "rulers of the
darkness of this world" and "spirit-
ual wickedness in high places" have
marshalled their forces, and the lit-
tle flock are called to stand with
their "loins girt about with truth,
and having on the breastplate of
righteousness, and their feet shod
with the preparation of the gospel
of peace; above all, taking the shield
of faith" with which "to quench all
the fiery darts of the wicked."

Is it not a struggle—a life and
death conflict—between good and
evil? Many friends believe that the
end of the world is approaching and
that the promised return of the
Master is close at hand. Texts are
quoted which seem to have singular
application to the signs of the times.
How often have we joined in the
prayer, "Even so, come, Lord Je-
sus!" What a rapture it would be
to join the company of those who
ascended to the presence of the
Master in that higher level of life
where sorrow and sin have no place!

Our friends who point to the signs
of the times are fully justified. The
trend of recent New Testament
criticism is to lay increasing em-
phasis upon the validity of the Apo-
calypitic elements in the teaching of
Jesus.

Many times in the history of the
church disciples have gone out to
meet the Lord, assured that the
Millennium dawn was at hand.

During the last war our beloved
friend, Dr. F. B. Myers, sent out a
statement of belief declaring that
the signs of the times justified be-
lief in the immediate return of Je-
sus, and that the end was at hand.
A number of ministers signed the
document and it was circulated, and
now the same process is being em-
ployed.

A clear distinction should be
drawn between the end of the world
and the closing of an age. At the
end of the last war we talked of a
new world, though it has proved to
be very like the old. We did not
mean new rocks and hills and dales,
but a new mental attitude toward
life, a new social order. The death
of the old world means the passing
of dominating ideas which have rul-
ed the nations in the past. It may
be that the new world will not have
a sufficient number of disciples to
bring it to birth. Materialism may
be triumphant after all under another
name. The powers of evil are
very subtle and, as Mr. Middleton

Murry reminds us, "the dynamic
faith is only given by men who be-
lieve it."

Is not this the opportunity for
the Church of Jesus? "Our little
systems have their day . . . and
cease to be," but there are ideals
which remain by which men live and
for which they would die. What is
that new world for which humanity
waits? What will it bring for us?
Will it be just another form of self-
interest?

At the close of the war—and pray
God it may come soon!—it will be
supremely needful to present a new
world, a new way of living which
will capture the imagination and
the heart of the average man. It
may not be the church's business
to convert the world, but it is her
mission to prepare the way of the
Lord, to apply Christian standards
to daily life, and as far as possible
until He comes to be as stewards on
the Master's estate.

Mighty tasks lie in the near fu-
ture. The tragedy may be that again
we shall see pygmies vainly en-
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men.

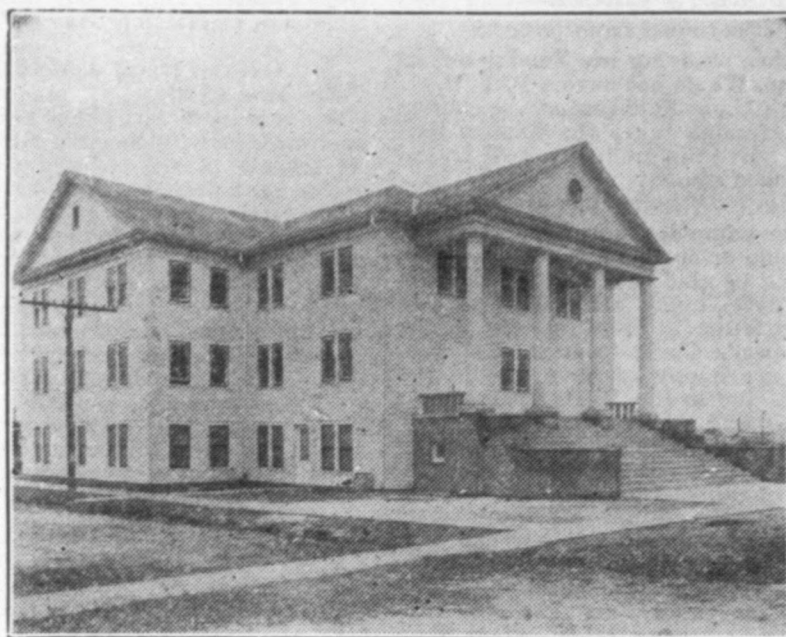
The church's concern is to provide
the dynamic faith. She alone has the
secret and the lines of communica-
tions open. Her power is limited. She
has yet to learn the truth of the
words of Jesus, "Without Me ye can
do nothing." And she may discover
that "with Christ all things are pos-
sible." Not in her own strength but
in the power of the Holy Ghost, un-
der the leadership of the One who
is rightly acclaimed King of kings
and Lord of lords, the church may
blaze the trail and communicate the
power which shall bring to birth that
new world for which we pray.

This is the day of opportunity.
God works through His people. May
there not be far greater power in
prayer than the church has yet dis-
covered? The weapon, ready to our
hand, is the answer to the challenge,
"Call upon Me in the day of trouble
and I will deliver thee, and thou
shalt glorify Me." To whom can we
turn but to our faithful God, who
has never left His people and will
not forsake us now?

SOUTHERN SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT

The Southern Baptist Seminary
announces that 117 men will receive
degrees and diplomas at the forth-
coming commencement to take place
May 9 at the Crescent Hill Church in
Louisville, making 125 graduates
for the session. The speakers for
the occasion have been selected from
the members of the graduating class
and are to be Mr. Das Kelley Bar-
nett of Texas and Mr. John Mc-
Ginnis of Mississippi. The Presi-
dent, Dr. Sampey, will give the part-
ing message to the graduates. In
connection with the commencement
exercises, Dr. Charles L. Graham,
former pastor of the Crescent Hill
Baptist Church, will deliver the Bac-
calaureate Sermon on Wednesday,
May 7th.

Mrs. A. T. Robertson has announc-
ed that Dr. Everett Gill, Sr., has
consented to write a biography of
the late Dr. A. T. Robertson, for so
many years Professor of New Testa-
ment Interpretation at the Southern
Baptist Seminary. It is quite fit-



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PICAYUNE, MISS.
Under the leadership of Dr. O. P. Estes, pastor, they have adopted
the Every Family Plan.

ting that Dr. Gill should undertake
this work since he has known the
Robertsons through the years, and
was in fact a member of their wed-
ding party when they were married.
Dr. Gill is well known for his thirty
years of service with the Foreign
Mission Board in Southern Europe,
Italy, Spain, Roumania, Hungary,
and Yugo-Slavia. He is author of
the widely read "Europe and the
Gospel" and "Christ or Chaos", be-
sides other books published in Eu-
rope in several language. Southern
Baptists everywhere will be looking
forward to a life of Dr. Robertson.
A little later Dr. W. Hersey Davis
will publish a life of Dr. Robertson
from another point of view, review-
ing his work as a scholar and teach-
er.

The Southern Baptist Seminary
announces its enrollment to date to
be 496 men.

Dr. Harold W. Tribble, Profes-
sor of Theology at the Southern
Baptist Seminary, will deliver the
Commencement Sermon at Carson-
Newman College May 11th, and at
Mercer University June 1st.

Dr. Charles S. Gardner, Professor
Emeritus of the Southern Baptist
Seminary, and for many years Pro-
fessor of Homiletics and Sociology,
is spending a few days on the Se-
minary campus renewing old ties.
During his stay at the Seminary,
Dr. Gardner is being kept quite busy
making chapel talks, conducting se-
minars and addressing groups of
students who value the rich matur-
ity of his years of scholarship and
service.

The Board of Trustees of the
Baptist Orphanage are faithful and
unselfish in their service that they
are rendering in looking after the
affairs of this institution. They are
to be commended by all of our peo-
ple for their loyalty, efficiency and
cooperation.

When the offering is made on
Mother's day for the Orphanage
please send it in promptly. Some-
times Mother's Day offerings are
received as late as July. Better late
than never, but try to send it in
promptly.

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IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH W. G. Mize

Every man and woman dreams of
doing some great good deed that
will make others happy—leading a
crusade, giving an address, writing
a book. We dream of the big things
and often fail to do the little things.
We let slip by hundreds of little
opportunities to spread happiness
and cheer. In an inspiring poem,
Lois Snelling suggests some of the
little things we can do each day to
make this world a more joyous
place to live in:

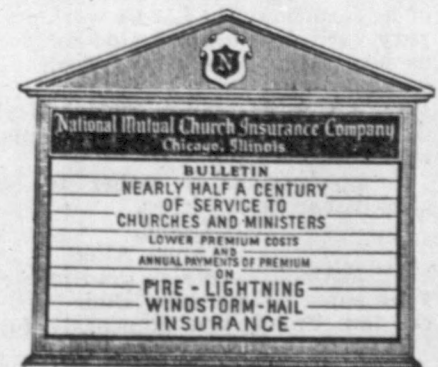
He stopped to pat a small child's
head, A tiny thing to do;
And yet the child remembering,
Was glad the whole day through.
He gave a rose into the hand of one
who loved it much;
'Twas just a rose—but, oh the joy
that lay in its soft touch!
He spoke a word so tenderly—A
word's a wee, small thing;
And yet it stirred a weary heart
To hope again and sing.

You may not be able to make an
offering to the Orphanage on
Mother's Day, but you know some-
one who is able. Won't you speak a
word for the boys and girls who are
looking to them for this support?

Not what you do, but how you do
it, is the test of your capacity. Give
liberally, willingly, joyfully and
sacrificially. Remember the Mother's
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11th for the Orphanage.

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CHILDREN'S CIRCLE—

(Continued from page 12)

finished studying my Sunday School lesson. We do not have a B. Y. P. U., W. M. U., or Sunbeam at our church. My grandpa takes the Baptist Record. I live nine miles east of Laurel in Jones county.

Lora Mae Brown.

The pamphlet, Lora Mae, is simply a guide or outline for Bible reading. I shall be glad to send you one when my new supply arrives. I believe your letter is the first one to the Children's Circle from your church. We are happy to have you in the circle and in the D. B. R. L. also.—F. L. S.

Waynesboro, Mississippi
April 22, 1941

Mrs. Frances Steele,
Magee, Mississippi
Dear Mrs. Steele:

I took charge of the Intermediate Department in the church here; and it is a privilege I am thoroughly enjoying. Among other things they do that I appreciate is sending this dollar, fifty cents for the orphanage and fifty cents to our B. B. I. student.

Kindest regards,
Ethel Slay McPhearson

We continue to be grateful to this good department, and to all the boys and girls who share in this gift. We surely thank you, Mrs. McPhearson, for carrying on the work and encouraging these Intermediates in their program of helpfulness and missions.—F. L. S.

Lamar, Miss., Route 1
April 23, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am writing to the Children's Circle because I enjoy reading it. School is almost out. I have only two more days to go. I will pass to the seventh grade. My teacher's name is Miss Winter; she is such a good teacher that I wish I could have her for my teacher all the time. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. I will be glad when August comes. Bro. E. D. Estis will be here the first week in August. We had a fine time last Friday. Our school had a program and we invited our mothers and daddies to come. We also had a fine dinner that day.

A friend,

Ida Bell Allen

Now you will have to write to us and tell us, Ida Bell, what you are doing these vacation days. I am sure you can find plenty to do.—F. L. S.

Lamar, Miss., April 24, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little boy four years old. I like to go to Sunday School with my Aunt Anna. I go with her to sweep out the church and dust too. I have a little sister two years old and a little brother nine months old, so I am very happy with them.

Your friend,

Marvin Allen.

I imagine you help Aunt Anna when you go with her, Marvin. I saw a little boy younger than you helping his grandmother hoe the flowers not many days ago.—F. L. S.

Lamar, Miss., Route 1
April 23, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

It has been quite a while since I wrote you. I still enjoy the letters of many little friends. I want to join the D. B. R. L. I have been reading the Bible for a long time but some days I fail, so I am going to begin to read it daily.

I am enclosing fifty cents for Miss Lynn Fleming. May God bless her in her work.

Well, work time is here for all of us farmer girls. Let us work and pray each day and ask God to give us health and strength to work. I will close with these verses.

Lord, teach us to pray. Luke 11:1.
You cannot serve God and Mammon. Luke 16:13.

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.

Your friend,

Anna Allen.

Miss Anna, we are so glad to add your name to our daily Bible readers list. Thank you immensely for

your generous help. Your verses are all worth meditating upon.—F. L. S.

Oxford, Miss., April 23, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl seven years old and have just finished my first year at school. I will be in the second grade next year. I would like to join your circle. I go to school at Yocoma. Miss Lake Ferrell was my teacher. I go to New Prospect Church. This is my first time to write to the circle, and I am sending ten cents to the orphans.

Your friend,

Joanne Hill.

Joanne, we are especially glad when a little girl or boy joins our circle, for they will have longer to belong. We welcome you and thank you very much for the gift which you enclose.—F. L. S.

CLARKE B. S. U. CLOSES
ACTIVE YEAR

Newton, Miss., April 22, 1941—

The Baptist Student Union Council of Clarke Memorial College for the 1940-41 session closed its year's work with a banquet on Friday night, April 18, to which all the students in school were invited. Dr. J. F. Carter of Cordova, Tenn., former president of the college, was guest speaker.

The 1940-41 Council has been very active in extending Christ's kingdom, not only on the campus but to others as well. Practically their last action was to attend the four day Southeast Mississippi Live Stock Show at Forest, distributing tracts and doing personal work among the crowd. The Council appreciates the fine spirit of co-operation shown by the officials of the show.

The new Council for 1941-42 has now taken charge of the campus, to guide its religious destinies until this time next year. They ask the prayers of every Christian in Mississippi that they may prove equal to their responsibility of making "Clarke College 100% for Christ", which became the old Council's watch-word, and that the inspiring Christian atmosphere that now blesses the campus might remain.

Retiring and in-coming Council members are as follows:

1940-41 Council—President, Glenn Flynt, Laurel; First vice-president, Arlis Smith, Piave; Second vice-president, Margaret Prince, Newton; Third vice-presidents, Irene Polk, Oakvale, and John Carter, Cordova, Tenn.; Secretary, Hazel Bradford, Atmore, Ala.; Treasurer, Irma Lee Dorril, Carthage; Reporter, Joe Roach, Newton; Pianist, Elsie Holiday, Newton; Chorister, Troy Prince, Laurel; Magazine representative, Melba Jean Donald, Lena.

1941-42 Council—President, Buin Spain, Mobile, Ala.; First vice-president, L. C. Hoff, Brookhaven; Second vice-president, Marjo Ree Landrum, Sturgis; Third vice-presidents, Jack Nazary, Carthage, and Melba Lee Hill, Hanceville, Ala.; Secretary, Gladys Bryant, Mosselle; Magazine representative, Cleo Faggard, Toulmanville, Ala.; Other offices were left open to be filled next year.

The faculty advisor is J. E. Wills, and the local pastor is R. A. Morris.

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BRUCE

Rev. L. F. Haire getting on fine here with his church work. County B. Y. P. U. met with Church here this eve and had nice program and good attendance. Spirit was fine and the work inspiring. Brother Haire has gotten Rev. D. A. McCall to conduct a series of Revivals for ten days with the Church here beginning first Sunday in August. Miss Edna Hickman of New Albany is conducting a B. T. U. Study course with the Church this week, under directions of Brother Auber Wilds State B. T. U. Director and has a good attendance and doing a great work.

The church here is being awakened to their great possibilities and the members are having a vision of their duties and responsibilities, and are beginning to talk and get plans for the building of a Modern Brick Church House. Prayers of Gods people are coveted in this move.

TO CAMP

Students of Blue Mountain College who plan to attend the State Baptist Student Retreat to be held at Legion State Park, Louisville, this year, April 25-26, are:

Jessie Davis, Brownsville, Tenn.; Jane Majure, Newton; Rebecca Reid, Greenville, S. C.; Ellen Edens, Sumter, S. C.; Lynne Whitehurst, Sheffield, Ala.; Peggy Chastain, Lexington; Ruby Hogan, Raleigh, N. C.; Mae Blanche Sensing, Nashville, Tenn.; Sara Wallis, Memphis, Tenn.; Elizabeth Jacob, Franklin, Kentucky.

Miss Reid will have charge of the

music and Miss Majure will be in charge of the recreation. Mrs. W. C. Tyler, Blue Mountain, will lead morning watch.—From Blue Mountain College, Mary Frances Skilton, Secretary.

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Love Never Faileth—1 Cor. 13:8